

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, June 11, 2020, 18:30

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

1. **Meeting called to order**
 - a. Welcome by club president, Steve, W6RXK
 - b. Pledge of allegiance by all
 - c. Self-Introductions by all
2. **Reading of Minutes** from last meeting by Jack, W6JAK. Approved with correction to date of the upcoming Christmas party, changed from December 7th to December 5th.
3. **Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached). Ken presented the financial and budget reports and a discussion ensued on giving Ken authorization to purchase items for the repeater without needing membership approval in advance. Further discussion was deferred to the Repeater report.
4. **Net Report** was presented by Mike, N6AXQ (see attached).
 - a. Mike announced his intention to continue serving as net manager and thanked those members who volunteered to be net control operators, relieving him of the burden to run all of the nets.
 - b. Mike requested a brief meeting with the new net control operators after the conclusion of the club meeting.
5. **Repeater Report** was presented by Ken, AE6LA.
 - a. Requiring club approval for each purchase causes delays in repeater maintenance. A motion was put forward to give Ken authorization to spend \$400 budgeted for repeater maintenance as needed but that was overridden by a motion to approve the overall budget along with authority for committee heads to make purchases within the budget guidelines. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
 - b. Ken gave a briefing on the Summit Level repeater site. The site was originally for a now defunct FM station. Ken with Mike, WA6ZTY, have been working with Chief Mike Johnson of Cal Fire to make it operational for amateur radio use. Currently the club's UHF repeater is at the site and is linked full time with the Fowler Peak VHF repeater. Ken expects to have a VHF antenna installed for the club's repeater. The site has very good coverage, exceeding that of the Fowler site with better range into the Central Valley.
6. **Breakfast Report** was presented by Jack, W6JAK. Due to the Covid-19 lock down, there were no breakfasts held for April or May. The club breakfast was held again June 6th at the Murphys Hotel. Six members attended and everyone had fun. Patsy, KN6XW, encouraged everyone to attend the next breakfast on July 4th and several members expressed interest in going.
7. **Web Master's Report** was presented by Andy, N6IV. Andy is working on improving the user interface and is working with Ken on keeping the club roster updated. Andy offered to meet with Mike, N6AXQ, to make sure he is getting roster updates on a timely basis.
8. **ARES/RACES Report** presented by Jack, W6JAK (see attached memo from SAM, W6SP, Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator). The move of the N6FRG WiRES Node from Copperopolis to Mountain Ranch was discussed. There was general appreciation for W6JAK hosting the node.

9. Old Business.

- a. Ken, AE6LA, invited anyone interested to join him and Lynn at their campsite for Field Day. This was followed by a discussion of the modified ARRL rules for Field Day where groups can get credit for members participating from home. An aggregator would have to be assigned to collect the participation data for the club. It was decided to not have a club-wide activity since there is no FD coordinator for this year.
- b. Coordination of the upcoming Christmas dinner was discussed. Dee, KM6ELF, is willing to help with the coordination and Ken, AE6LA, is willing to be the lead. However, Ken stated he is willing to step aside if anyone would like to be the lead. Questions were then raised on the availability of the Murphys Fire Station facility for the dinner. The availability of the facility will have to be confirmed. Steve, W6RXK, will send an e-mail out to the club asking for help.

10. New Business.

- a. Josh Heller, KM6AXJ, expressed interest in and was nominated for the club vice president. A motion was approved for him to be the new vice president, replacing Steve, W6RXK, who stepped in as president.
- b. Membership dues are due July 1st. Ken will send out a reminder to members who have not paid by the due date. Members who have not paid by September will be removed from the roster. A discussion of formalizing the grace period ensued. It was decided to keep the grace period as an informal courtesy per the discretion of the club officers.
- c. The roster will be kept up to date based on the member's dues-payment status, and updates will be posted on the club's website.
- d. Ham equipment available for sale was discussed. Jim, KO6HV, has a screwdriver antenna and coax cable available for \$100. Ron Flannery, Susan Flannery's (K6CDK, SK) husband, had donated her equipment to the club. It includes HF radios, HTs, SWR meters, etc. Steve has created a list with the prices which will be emailed to the club members.
- e. Susan Flannery (K6CDK, SK) was the club's VE liaison and Ken, AE6LA, has retrieved her records. All testing materials are available for use except for the Extra Class materials which are due for an update. The expectation is to have four exams per year, but it takes club participation to staff the exams. Current VEs are Mike (N6AXQ), Andy (N6IV), Jim (KO6HV), Patsy (KN6XW), and Lynn (AC6CY). Ken asked if anyone would like to take over as VE liaison, which requires an Extra Class license. No one volunteered so Ken will act as the liaison for the time being.
- f. The status of club officer positions was discussed. Ken agreed to stay on as treasurer for another term with Andy, N6IV, and Jack, W6JAK who are willing to stay on as web master and secretary, respectively.
- g. The next club meeting was agreed to be held on September 10th at Round Table Pizza.

11. Adjournment by Steve, W6RXK, at 19:56.

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Prepared by Ken Sanders 6/8/2020

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Banking Summary

3/8/2020- 6/8/2020

Category

INCOME

Amazon Smile Income	5.00
Membership Dues	363.00
TOTAL INCOME	368.00

EXPENSES

HAM Equipment - Not Repeater	150.00
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Liability Insurance	200.00
Repeater Expenses	13.06
TOTAL EXPENSES	663.06

OVERALL TOTAL	97.06
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Banking Summary

Transaction

3/8/2020 through 6/8/2020

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 3/7/2020					3,610.99
3/9/2020	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.02
3/13/2020	1168	Charles Farr - W6AJW	Computer for WP lin	HAM Equipment - Not Repe	150.00
3/26/2020	DEP	Josh & Cindy Heller KM6AXJ & KM6YMA		Membership Dues	33.00
4/2/2020	EFT	Arri Insurance		Liability Insurance	200.00
4/2/2020	1169	La Rue Communications	July, Aug, Sept.	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
4/9/2020	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.02
5/10/2020	DEP	Devin Twitty - KM6FLW	Student Pd 3/29	Membership Dues	33.68
5/10/2020	DEP	Michael & Jessica Downs - K16EWT - K	Family Pd 4/19	Membership Dues	33.68
5/10/2020	DEP	Robert Kehr KA9MDP	Single Pd 4/27	Membership Dues	28.83
5/10/2020	DEP	Thomas Farr - W6UJ	Single Pd 4/29	Membership Dues	28.83
5/10/2020	DEP	Tim CODY - KD6NRB	Family Pd 4/29	Membership Dues	33.68
5/10/2020	DEP	Alvin & Nancy Lamore KF6OBM - K1	Family Pd 4/29	Membership Dues	33.68
5/10/2020	DEP	Dan & Mary Foye KM6UXL - KM6UXJ	Family Pd 4/29	Membership Dues	33.68
5/10/2020	DEP	Glenn Verkerk - KK6OAL	Single Pd 4/30	Membership Dues	28.83
5/10/2020	DEP	Ron Jones - WA6D	Single Pd 4/30	Membership Dues	28.83
5/10/2020	DEP	Tim HILDABRAND KG6ZAJ	Single Pd 5/2	Membership Dues	28.83
5/10/2020	DEP	Terry & Jeffrey Stone - KK6FDW & K16	Family Pd 5/3	Membership Dues	33.68
5/10/2020	DEP	David Orcutt - KM6AXL	Single Pd 5/3	Membership Dues	28.83
5/11/2020	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.02
5/20/2020	DEP	John Davenport - K16ART	Single CkDt 4/29	Membership Dues	30.00
5/20/2020	DEP	Jason Roland - KK6OHT	Single CkDt 5/11	Membership Dues	30.00
5/20/2020	DEP	Amazon Prime		Amazon Smile Income	5.00
6/1/2020	DEP	Kit Brown - WB6QVU & N6PGH	Family PP	Membership Dues	33.68
6/1/2020	DEP	John Stettler - K16DWP	Single CkDt 5/20	Membership Dues	30.00
6/3/2020	DEP	Eileen Thomas - KK6GIX	Single Pd 6/1	Membership Dues	28.83
6/3/2020	DEP	Mark Godbout - N6IV	Single Pd 6/1	Membership Dues	28.83
3/8/2020 - 6/8/2020					97.06
BALANCE 6/8/2020					3,513.93

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Income/Expense by Category 20150701-20200608 - Budget 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021

7/1/2015 through 6/8/2020 (Cash Basis)

Category	7/1/2015-7/1/2016	7/1/2016-7/1/2017	7/1/2017-7/1/2018	7/1/2018-7/1/2019	TOTAL	Budget 7/1/20-6/30/21
INCOME						
Amazon Smile Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.04	30.00
Check Book Correction	177.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.26	0.00
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	55.00	260.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
HAT SALES	30.00	60.00	101.00	0.00	130.00	65.00
Member Donations	878.09	811.68	314.83	5.00	73.00	2,082.60
Membership Dues	1,810.85	1,689.44	2,840.24	1,852.60	1,496.31	9,689.44
Repeater Expenses Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	422.52	0.00	422.52
Returned From CommTrailer	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.12	0.00	104.12
VE Income	0.00	0.00	65.00	125.00	0.00	190.00
FROM Cash Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,595.97	2,821.12	3,391.07	2,509.24	1,960.61	13,278.01
EXPENSES						
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00
Biz Supplies	147.63	0.00	29.85	34.99	0.00	50.00
Charity	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00
Christmas Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.36	0.00	198.36
Communications Trailer	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00	1,116.00
Field Day	417.70	367.38	196.90	155.00	0.00	1,136.98
Filing Fees	20.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	20.00	80.00
HAM Equipment - Not Repeater	0.00	89.95	0.00	0.00	150.00	239.95
Ham Repeater Service Fee	450.00	820.00	900.00	1,500.00	1,200.00	4,870.00
Hat Purchase (Gateway)	0.00	0.00	0.00	164.84	0.00	164.84
Liability Insurance	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	800.00
Member Awards	0.00	197.33	94.12	0.00	0.00	291.45
Member Badges	104.75	0.00	116.96	81.52	82.24	385.47
Phone Bill	255.25	56.08	55.92	13.37	0.00	380.62
Post Office Box Fee	50.00	52.00	54.00	56.00	65.00	277.00
Postage and Delivery	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	0.00	25.62	0.00	0.00	25.62
Rent	300.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Repeater Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,609.00	341.39	130.80	2,081.19
TriCounty BBQ	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
TO Checking	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.00	204.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,775.33	1,932.74	3,422.37	2,745.47	2,230.04	13,105.95
OVERALL TOTAL	179.36	888.38	31.30	236.23	269.43	172.06

6/8/2020

Total Active Members: 93

ARRL Membership: 51

Club ARRL Percentage: 55%

Family Memberships Due July 2020:

12 * \$35 = \$420

Individual Memberships Due July 2020:

29 * \$30 = \$870

Intro Memberships Due (assuming conversion to Individual) July 2020:

5 * \$30 = \$150

Total Due July 2020: \$1440

ARES / RACES:

RACES

RACES were not activated for the COVID-19 pandemic. I did notice that the county's emergency plan is 10 years old and is in need of updating. I will be in contact with Calaveras OES to see if we can update the information in the plan.

ARES

As you know we have been under a "Stay At Home" order by our Governor. I am on a conference call with Calaveras OES during this pandemic. I have submitted an ICS205, given them updates on the West Point and the CARS repeater systems. At this time, it seems that we may not be activated for Communication support.

Once the Governor's order is rescinded, we will be in Fire season. Fire season brings us wild land fires as well as PGE's Public Safety Power Shutdowns. I am hoping for a mild fire season and that we have a few PSPS's that last less than 24 Hrs. in either event we must be prepared, a battery backup for your base station, a solar charger for your HT's and station's batteries will make a great investment in ARES as well as any emergencies that may happen.

The WiRES Node has been moved to Mt. Ranch. Huge thanks go to Jack – W6JAK for hosting this for CARS. He has spent several hours in making this happen, the internet connectivity was the major part of his time, as he has an unconventional network. I also want to thank PT - KG6FEY (SK) and Miriam - K6MAB for hosting the Node in Copperopolis; they played an import part in getting the Node up and running for emergency connecting between the West Point Repeater and the CARS repeater.

Our Section EC has been sending me information on Zoom meetings the may be of interest to XCA ARES. The one for NTS Traffic handling was very interesting, as was the one on ARDEN. As I received these I will pass on the ones that may of interest.

As a final note; West Point Fire CERT will be holding a VE session on June 27 on an appointment only bases, this is part of their Field Day participation. They are also planning a "Ham Cram" once the "Stay at Home" orders are lifted.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

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6/11/2020 CARS MEETING

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	Jack Luoma	Y	Mountain Ranch
KIMBEF	Delia Richlin	Y	Angels Camp
N6AXQ	MICHAEL AXIAK	Y	COPPEROPOLYS
AKELA	Ka Sados	yes	WAZ FUL
K0GHU	Jim Cled	X	Arnold
XN6XB	Patsy-	X	Arnold
NV6V	ANDY	Y	VALENT SPRING
W6RXX	Steve Airoh	Y	San Andreas-
N6IV	MARK GODBOUT	Y	MOKE HILL
AC6CY	Lynn Bartch	Y	Vallejo