

# **Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)**

## **Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, March 11, 2021, 18:30**

**Meeting Location: Online via Zoom**

### **1. Meeting called to order**

- a. Welcome by club president, Steve, W6RXK
- b. Pledge of allegiance led by Mark, N6IV

### **2. Reading of Minutes** from last meeting by Jack, W6JAK. Minutes were approved as read.

### **3. Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached).

- a. The cost of the materials used for the Summit Level antenna installation are included in the financial report. Both Ken, AE6LA, and Mike, WA6ZTY, have been reimbursed.
- b. Fred, WB6QVI, paid his dues to renew club membership, and a new member, Robert Brown, has paid his dues.

### **4. Net Report** by Mike, N6AXQ (see attached). Mike was not present at the meeting. Mike will be resigning as Net Manager, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike has done an excellent job over the years as Net Manager and his service will be missed. The club is now seeking a replacement for Mike. There was no discussion on the net report.

### **5. Repeater Report** was presented by Ken, AE6LA.

- a. Ken reported the results of his visit to the Fowler site. Everything checked out okay, but he had to do a hard reset of the repeater. The capability to use the Fowler Peak repeater's voice recorder function from the Summit repeater was disabled. This was done to prevent the Fowler Peak repeater from locking up.
- b. The Summit Level site proved to be very useful during the severe snow event which occurred in the Arnold area. The site remained operational during the whole event while the Cal Fire and Sheriff's Office repeaters on Blue Mountain site went down.
- c. While he was at Fowler, Ken checked the Mt. Reba repeater. It is working but there is a lot of kerchunking on the remote base due to interference on the UHF frequency.

### **6. Breakfast Report.** Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, there have been no club breakfasts since the last meeting.

### **7. Web Master's Report** was presented by Andy, NV6V.

- a. The web page was updated to indicate that new members who obtained their license during a club-sponsored VE session have a free membership until July 1st of the following year.
- b. Mike, KB6USJ, asked if photos from the Ride for Art event could be posted on the web site. Andy stated he would do so but must be provided quality photos that are appropriately cropped and

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edited. Andy will not do any editing of the photos.

8. **ARES/RACES Report:** none at this meeting.

9. **Old Business.**

- a. There was no update on the work being done to the Emergency Trailer. The project will be discussed at a future in-person meeting.

10. **New Business.**

- a. Ken, AE6LA, will send out a reminder with the May financial report for members to pay dues. Everyone should encourage and recommend participation in club meeting and events.
- b. Regarding amateur equipment for sale: Steve still has two Icom HF radios and Glenn, KD6OSU (a regular visitor) has antennas which he has been trying to sell for a long time.
- c. Upcoming events include the Ride for Art and a VE session at AE6LA's home on April 24<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on the Ride for Art, with Ken providing details on the event, who has volunteered, and the plan for communications and SAG wagon tracking.
- d. Steve, W6RXK, led a discussion on the club again supporting a demonstration station at a future Frog Jump. The Frog Jump manager expressed a strong desire for the special events station to return. A discussion ensued including the ideas of borrowing an antenna trailer and registering as a special events station with the ARRL.
- e. Steve, W6RXK, stated that the county OES has an emergency AM radio station which is not being used. The station is currently stored in the OES "boat barn" hanger at the county airport. Ken, AE6LA, suggested that the club or someone in the club could "adopt" the station. It was concluded that the club has too much on its plate and there is not enough participation as it stands. Steve requested Ken to inform the county that the club is not interested in taking responsibility for the equipment.
- f. It was determined that not everyone is getting the emails with the files for the club meetings. Ken, AE6LA, volunteered to be the point person to receive the report and agenda files for the meetings and will send them to club members going forward.

11. **Adjournment** by Steve, W6RXK, at 19:26. A video presentation titled "Preserving a Piece of History: Voice of America Delano Relay DL-8" was provided by Mike, KB6USJ, at the conclusion of the meeting.

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### List of Attendees

W6RXK, Steve Airola, San Andreas (President)  
AE6LA, Ken Sanders, Arnold (Treasurer)  
N6IV, Mark Godbout, Mokulumne Hill  
KB6USJ, Mike Grcevich, Copperopolis (Public Information Officer)  
WA6ZTY, Mike Fahmie, Arnold  
KM6ELF, Dee Rachina, Angels Camp  
NV6V, Andy Thomas, Valley Springs (Web Master)  
W6JAK, Jack Luoma, Mountain Ranch (Secretary)  
W6AJW, Chuck Farr, San Andreas  
KN6LKU, Donna Farr, San Andreas

### List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
Provide Invoice for ant. materials	1/14/2021	Ken, AE6LA	Open	3/11/21	Ken & Mike were paid
Review trailer project	1/14/2021	Steve, W6RXK Mark, N6IV	Open		
Video recommendations	1/14/2021	Mike, KB6USJ	Open		

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Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report January 14, 2021 to March 7, 2021

## Banking Summary

1/14/2021 through 3/7/2021

Category	1/14/2021- 3/7/2021
<b>INCOME</b>	
Amazon Smile Income	8.11
Membership Dues	58.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>66.94</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Liability Insurance	200.00
Member Badges	10.73
Post Office Box Fee	64.00
Repeater Expenses	215.31
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>490.04</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>423.10</b>

## Transaction

1/14/2021 through 3/7/2021

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 1/13/2021</b>					<b>5,054.28</b>
1/22/2021	ATM	GATEWAY PRESS	Shawn - KN6MTQ	Member Badges	10.73
1/26/2021	1177	Mike Fahmie	Summit Install	Repeater Expenses	22.69
1/26/2021	1178	Ken Sanders	Summit Install	Repeater Expenses	187.28
2/3/2021	EFT	Arri Insurance		Liability Insurance	200.00
2/9/2021	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.34
2/21/2021	DEP	Amazon Smile		Amazon Smile Income	8.11
2/22/2021	DEP/ CK	Fred Soderer - WB6QVI		Membership Dues	30.00
2/24/2021	DEP/PP	Robert Brown - K6RKB		Membership Dues	28.83
2/28/2021	EFT	Postmaster Box #391	Paid	Post Office Box Fee	64.00
<b>1/14/2021 - 3/7/2021</b>					<b>423.10</b>
<b>BALANCE 3/7/2021</b>					<b>4,631.18</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>66.94</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>490.04</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>423.10</b>

Prepared by Ken Sanders, AE6LA, Treasurer

## **CARS Net Monthly Report**

Reporting for: **January** and **February 2021** Net Activity.

### **January 2021**

Members Roll Call at **90** Members:

Highest Call-in for Month – **29** (1/18) at **32** percent of Members.  
Average Call-in for Month – **28** at **31** percent of Members.

Visitor Roll Call:

Highest Call-in for Month – **16** (1/11).  
Average Call-in for Month – **14**.

Average Members and Visitors for **January** – **43**.

### **February 2021**

Members Roll Call at **90** Members:

Highest Call-in for Month – **31** (2/8 & 2/15) at **34** percent of Members.  
Average Call-in for Month – **29** at **32** percent of Members.

Visitor Roll Call:

Highest Call-in for Month – **16** (2/22).  
Average Call-in for Month – **15**.

Average Members and Visitors for **February** – **43**.