

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, July 8, 2021, 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
- c. Self-introductions were skipped due to no new attendees

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. An income and expense summary for the last 5 years was presented. The summary showed a net negative balance for fiscal years 2018 through 2020 but 2021 ended with a positive balance of \$1992.42. The sales of equipment provided a significant benefit for the club's finances, accounting for \$1660 income in FY 2021.
- b. Income from membership dues were up in FY2021 as compared to FYs 2019 and 2020.
- c. The report for FY2021 transactions shows that the club is in good financial shape with a bank balance of \$5,673.81. Ken suggested that the club consider projects that could be completed with available cash balance.

4. Net Report by Mike, N6AXQ (Mike's last report). Mike's service has been greatly appreciated and he will continue to be a net control for the fifth Mondays when the reverse roll-call is conducted.

- a. Check-ins for the month of May:
 - Member roll-call: high of 28, average of 26, representing 28% of membership
 - Visitors: high of 14 with an average of 13
 - Members & visitors: average of 39
- b. Check-ins for the month of June:
 - Member roll-call: high of 23, average of 23, representing 24% of membership
 - Visitors: Average of 11
 - Members & visitors: average of 33

5. Repeater Report was presented by Ken, AE6LA.

- a. Ken encouraged members to increase the use of the club repeaters. A discussion followed as to why the club and amateur radio repeaters in general are underutilized. It was suggested that club members should check-in with weather reports, traffic conditions, fire conditions, etc. Chuck, W6AJW, mentioned that repeater users should make sure the repeater is brought up before speaking, which can easily be done by pausing for a second after keying the microphone. This was followed by a discussion on the need for the kerchunk timer which decreases the amount of keying. Ken advised leaving the timer settings as is.
- b. Mike, WA6ZTY, and Ken will try to determine the source of interference on the Fowler Peak repeater. Mike has a new spectrum analyzer that will be helpful in finding the source which is

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causing intermod interference.

- c. Ken noted that the Reba Mountain site has interference just as bad or worse than the Fowler site, but not so bad that the repeater is unusable.

6. **Breakfast Report** was presented by Patsy, KN6XW. Seven members attended the club breakfast held at the Murphys hotel, Saturday, June 5th. Patsy encouraged more members to attend, especially the club officers. The next breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, July 3rd.

7. **Web Master's Report.** There was not a report given since Andy, NV6V, was not present. There was a discussion on the TCARES web page which had been recently updated to look very professional with good user features. A question was posed whether it would be worthwhile to devote Andy's time to upgrade the CARS website to be at the same level as TCARES's. It was concluded that any benefits derived from an upgrade is not worth Andy's time and effort given his busy work schedule. The website currently has all the necessary functionality needed and posting requests are made in a timely manner.

8. **ARES/RACES Report:** A report from Sam, W6SP, Calaveras County EC, was not available for the meeting. Chuck, W6AJW, was not aware of the ARES email that was sent out regarding the new 75-meter nets to occur Sunday mornings. Jack took an action item to request a report from Sam. Chuck said he would also contact Sam about receiving reports.

9. Old Business.

An update was provided on the work being done to the Emergency Trailer. As reported at the previous meeting, a new roof and new roof vents were installed. In addition, new antenna connectors were installed to provide feeds to three operator positions. The weather has become too hot to continue work.

10. New Business.

- a. Chuck, W6AJW, stated that he is in custody of the CARS club signs. There are three of them and they are made of heavy-duty canvas. He would like to give them to someone else to maintain for club use. Steve, W6RXK, said he would consider assuming custody.
- b. Steve brought donated equipment for members to purchase after the meeting. Mike, WA6ZTY, also brought equipment for purchase which belonged to a neighbor who passed away. Steve mentioned he attended a swap meet held at Carmichael that had a large attendance. He would like to take the remainder of the donated equipment to the swap meet to be held on September 18th in Lincoln. The W6THW website has information on that swap meet and Steve invited others to attend the meet with him.
- c. Mike, KB6USJ, reported that a new HRO opened Sacramento and he intended to go there with others to represent the club. He will publish the details on the club website and will also announce the event on the next net. Chuck, W6AJW then mentioned that there is a new Harbor Freight in Sonora which is a good source for tools.
- d. Mike, N6AXQ, stated that he attended and represented CARS at the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon in Copperopolis. The luncheon was held for community familiarization of local volunteer organizations and recognition of volunteer service. Carolyn, W6CLS, a CARS club member and CERT coordinator will be involved with cooling centers to be opened for the coming heat wave.
- e. Ken, AE6LA, nominated the current slate of officers for President, Secretary, and Public Information Officer. Steve, W6RXK, Jack, W6JAK, and Mike, KB6USJ agreed to continue in their

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current positions, if elected. The election will be held during the November meeting. Ken volunteered to train the next treasurer and repeater operator.

11. **Adjournment** by Steve, W6RXK, at 19:49. After the meeting members went to the parking lot to see the donated equipment available for purchase.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
Review trailer project	1/14/2021	Steve, W6RXK Mark, N6IV	Open		
Request ARES/RACES reports prior to club meetings	7/8/2021	Jack, W6JAK	Open		

List of Attendees

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 08 JULY 2021

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
NG6IV	MARK GODBOUT	Y	POKELUMNE HILL
WALZTY	MIKE FAHME	Y	ARNOLD
KB6USJ	MICHAEL GUREVICH	Y	COPPERPOOLS
KN6LKH	DONNA FARR	Y	SAN ANDREAS
WB6SID	CHUCK FARR	Y	"
K6CAF	Jim Clark	X	Arnold
KN6XW	Patsy Clark	X	Arnold
AE6LA	Ha Sordas	✓	Arnold
NG6XQ	MICHAEL A. AXIAK	Y	COPPERPOOLS
KM6ELF	Doe Richina	Y	Copperopolis
WG6JAK	JACK LUOMA	Y	MOUNTAIN RANCH
KF6OBM	AL LAMORO	Y	SAN ANDREAS
KG6AWT	Nancy	Y	SAN ANDREAS
WB6RXK	Steve Air	Y	SAN ANDREAS

Treasurer's Reports

Transaction - 2021 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021							Page 1
7/1/2021	Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
	BALANCE 6/30/2020						3,681.39
	7/1/2020	Checking	DEP	Cynthia Sudduth - KN6DAU	Single 6/14	Membership Dues	30.00
	7/1/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Michael Groevich - KB6USJ	PP Single 6/22	Membership Dues	28.83
	7/1/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Mary Agatha - KJ6WHT	PP Single 6/30	Membership Dues	28.83
	7/1/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Jim & Juanita Perry - KN6EYF/KN6EYGP	6/30 Family	Membership Dues	33.68
	7/2/2020	Checking	1172	La Rue Communications	July, Aug, Sept. 2020	Ham Repeater S...	-300.00
	7/9/2020	Checking	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expen...	-5.11
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Jeffrey TOLHURST - N6JWT + KK6N...	Family 7/18	Membership Dues	33.68
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	George Fandli - KM6NMX	Single 7/17	Membership Dues	28.83
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Douglass Keiser - KE6IZW	Single 7/15	Membership Dues	28.83
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	David Voit - WB6TOU	Single 7/9	Membership Dues	28.83
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Bob Gipson - K6SQA	Single 7/4	Membership Dues	28.83
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	James MUIER N6TP Pam W6KXG	Single 7/1	Membership Dues	30.00
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Lynn And Darlene Bartschi - KE6FSH ...	Family 6/30	Membership Dues	40.00
	7/21/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Ed ALLENDORF - K16WJV	Single 7/8	Membership Dues	30.00
	8/3/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Fred Soderer - WB6QVI	Single 7/14	Membership Dues	30.00
	8/3/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Mike And Teri Fahmie - WA6ZTY & K...	Family 7/27	Membership Dues	33.68
	8/3/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Thomas Kelly and Sandy KM6PDF-K...	Family 7/27	Membership Dues	33.68
	8/3/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Maxx And Kelli Karr NOCLL1&2	Family 7/27	Membership Dues	33.68
	8/10/2020	Checking	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expen...	-5.11
	8/18/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Michael Sterrett	Check dated 7/15/20	EQUIPMENT SA...	300.00
	8/18/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Michael Fahmie	Check dated 7-19-2020	EQUIPMENT SA...	300.00
	8/18/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Steven Airola	Check dated 8/5/20	EQUIPMENT SA...	65.00
	8/20/2020	Checking	DEP	Amazon Smile Payment		Amazon Smile I...	12.46
	8/29/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Chuck Hillis - KMGAXI, KMGAXF		Membership Dues	35.00
	8/29/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Donald Stump - KM6VLK		Membership Dues	30.00
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Lauren Tudor K6LT		Membership Dues	28.83
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	KK6AGD (Joanna) & KK6AGU (Martin... Paid thru June 30, 201...		Membership Dues	33.68
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Stanley McClain - KM6UXN		Membership Dues	28.83
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Steve Grumer - KN6IZD		Membership Dues	28.83
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Nick & Andrea D'Amico - KK6TBF, KK...		Membership Dues	33.68
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Jeff Stai - WK6I		Membership Dues	28.83
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Eugene Nesterenko - KM6BNU		Membership Dues	28.83
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	David Sanderson - KK6ZHP		Membership Dues	28.83
	8/31/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Chris Wangsgard - K16LZG		Membership Dues	30.00
	9/9/2020	Checking	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expen...	-5.11
	9/11/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	James Bishop - KM6AXN		Membership Dues	28.83
	9/11/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Brian Mathews - W6BRY		Membership Dues	28.83
	9/11/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Steve Vargas - W6CTF	MO to kas check	Membership Dues	30.00
	9/11/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Steven Airola - W6RXK	3 year membership	Membership Dues	90.00
	9/11/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Michael Groevich		EQUIPMENT SA...	50.00
	9/11/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Ken Sanders	Deposit Cash	EQUIPMENT SA...	60.00
	10/4/2020	Checking	DEP/ CK	Alvin Lamore		Member Donatio...	200.00
	10/4/2020	Checking	1173	La Rue Communications	Oct., Nov., Dec 2020	Ham Repeater S...	-300.00
	10/9/2020	Checking	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expen...	-5.11
	11/2/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	John Tregenza - W6OX		Membership Dues	28.83
	11/2/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Walter Teruya KH7IZ		Membership Dues	33.68
	11/2/2020	Checking	DEP/PP	Bill Scott - K6PKL		Membership Dues	28.83
	11/9/2020	Checking	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expen...	-5.11
	11/12/2020	Checking	1174	Lodi Amateur Radio		Charity	-50.00
	11/12/2020	Checking	DEP	Amazon Smile		Amazon Smile I...	9.03

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Income/Expense by Category 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2021 (Cash Basis)						
Category	7/1/2016- 6/30/2017	7/1/2017- 6/30/2018	7/1/2018- 6/30/2019	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME						
Amazon Smile Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.04	36.46	59.50
Check Book Correction	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.26	0.00	34.26
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	260.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	1,660.00	1,990.00
HAT SALES	60.00	101.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	161.00
Member Donations	811.68	314.83	5.00	0.00	200.00	1,331.51
Membership Dues	1,689.44	2,840.24	1,852.60	1,738.97	1,986.87	10,108.12
Repeater Expenses Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	422.52	0.00	0.00	422.52
Returned From CommTrailer	0.00	0.00	104.12	0.00	0.00	104.12
VE Income	0.00	65.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	190.00
FROM Cash Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.00	170.00	374.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,821.12	3,391.07	2,509.24	2,000.27	4,053.33	14,775.03
EXPENSES						
Bank Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	12.00
Biz Supplies	0.00	29.85	34.99	0.00	0.00	64.84
Charity	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Christmas Party	0.00	0.00	198.36	0.00	0.00	198.36
Communications Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00	0.00	116.00
Field Day	367.38	196.90	155.00	0.00	0.00	719.28
Filing Fees	0.00	40.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	60.00
HAM Equipment - Not Repeater	89.95	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	239.95
Ham Repeater Service Fee	820.00	900.00	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	5,620.00
Hat Purchase (Gateway)	0.00	0.00	164.84	0.00	0.00	164.84
Liability Insurance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00
Member Awards	197.33	94.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	291.45
Member Badges	0.00	116.96	81.52	92.24	23.60	314.32
Phone Bill	56.08	55.92	13.37	0.00	0.00	125.37
Post Office Box Fee	52.00	54.00	56.00	56.00	64.00	282.00
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	25.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.62
Rent	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Repeater Expenses	0.00	1,609.00	341.39	206.00	523.31	2,679.70
TriCounty BBQ	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,932.74	3,422.37	2,745.47	2,102.24	2,060.91	12,263.73
OVERALL TOTAL	888.38	-31.30	-236.23	-101.97	1,992.42	2,511.30