

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, January 13th, 2022, 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 led by Mark, N6IV
- c) Self-introductions by all (new member: Dave Lichtenhan, K6DCL)

2) Reading of Minutes from last meeting by Jack, W6JAK. Minutes were approved with corrections. Minutes will be updated and reloaded on CARS website.

3) Treasurer's Report by Ken, AE6LA, (see attached reports)

- a) The club has two new members bringing the total membership to 75.
- b) The \$5.59 monthly payment to OOMA for the phone patch was discussed. It was concluded that having the phone patch capability is worth the relatively small cost given it can be used for an emergency. Ken, AE6LA, also stated that due to the new 10-digit dialing requirement he must redo the entire database.

4) Net Report by Mark, N6IV.

- a) For November and December, there was an average of 20 member check-ins per week with a high of 28 and a low of 18.
- b) Regular visitor check-ins averaged 18 per week, with a range of 9 to 18.
- c) There was more activity in November than December likely due to the holidays.
- d) Approximately 34 members check-in during a month which represents about 50% of the membership.

5) Repeater Report presented by Ken, AE6LA

- a) Steve, W6RXK, talked to Knox LaRue and Knox stated that he likes having the club repeater at the Fowler site. He wants to keep us happy. Ken stated that Knox has always been paid promptly.
- b) Two different pre-amps were ordered: one to replace the borrowed pre-amp at the Fowler site and the other for the portable repeater at the Summit Level site.
- c) Ken encouraged everyone to test the reception between the two sites. The portable repeater at Summit Level has the same frequency pair as Fowler but with a different PL tone.
- d) The Fowler repeater will work well for Mr. Frog's Wild Ride and the Lodi repeater will be linked for the Ride for Art.

6) Breakfast Report presented by Dee, KM6ELF. There was a good turnout for the Christmas Breakfast and everyone had a great time. Steve looked good in his costume. The next breakfast will be held February 5th at 9:00 AM.

7) Web Master's Report. There was not a report given since Andy, NV6V, was not present. The website has been kept up to date for current and upcoming events.

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- 8) Public Information Officer Report.** Mike, WB6USJ, was not present at the meeting.
- 9) ARES/RACES Report:** A report from Sam, W6SP, Calaveras County EC, was read by Jack, W6JAK (see attached). Dave, K6DCL, expressed interest in joining ARES/RACES. Jack will provide Dave Sam's contact information.
- 10) Old Business.** The DMV registration for the Emergency Trailer was discussed. Donna, KN6LKU, will check the status of the registration as it needs to be updated each year.
- 11) New Business.**
- a) More amateur radio equipment has been donated to the club, this time by a ham in Copperopolis who is no longer active.
 - b) The By-Laws committee will meet Tuesday, January 18th, at 2:00 PM in San Andreas to review proposed changes. As discussed at the previous meeting there are discrepancies in the CARS By-Laws. The term "Quarterly meetings" which appear throughout the document is not being followed. The annual dues clause needs to be expanded to define grace periods for payment and deadlines. The topic of club insurance policies being in effect and coverage concerns were also mentioned.
 - c) Ken, AE6LA, reported on the upcoming events which include the Ride and Walk for Art on March 20th and the Mr. Frog's Wild Ride on May 7th. The same organization is running both events. Ten to 15 operators will be needed and the Lodi club has provided support in the past. A vote was held and CARS support to the events was approved.
 - d) Robert Williams called into the meeting and provided information on and answered questions about the Ride and Walk for Art. He described the event including routes, anticipated number of riders, entry fees, and how the proceeds will be used to support art education in local schools. For anyone have questions or needing more information, his phone number is 209-273-8009 and maps of the event are posted on the website ride4art.com. Rob will come to the club meeting on March 10th.
- 12) Adjournment** by Steve, W6RXK, at 19:31.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
Review trailer project	1/14/2021	Steve, W6RXK Mark, N6IV	Closed	11/11/2021	Ongoing
Request ARES/RACES reports prior to club meetings	7/8/2021	Jack, W6JAK	Closed	3/5/2022	Dave, K6DCL is now the ARES liaison for the club
By-Laws Committee formed	11/11/2021	W6AJW, KB6USJ, W6RXK, KM6ELF	Closed	1/13/2022	
Check Emergency Trailer Registration	1/13/2022	Donna, KN6LKU	Open		
Review proposed By-Law changes	1/18/2022	W6RXK, KM6ELF, N6AXQ	Open		

List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 13 Jan 2022

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	Jack Loma	YES	Mountain Ranch
NGEV	MARK GODBOUT	YES	Morelume Hill
AEGLA	Ken Sanders	yes	Arnold CA
KG6AWT	Nancy Loma	"	San Andreas
KN6KKU	Donna Farr	"	San Andreas
W6AJW	Chuck Farr	yes	San Andreas
KF6OBK	Alvin Lamo	yes	San Andreas
NG6XG	MICHAEL D. AXIAK	Y	Copperopolis, CA
KM6EIF	Dee Richina	y	Angels Camp Co. Copper
W6RXX	Steven Aivola	y	San Andreas
KG6DL	Dave Lichtenhan	y	Valley Springs
KG6GY	WALT GYGER	y	Angels Camp
AC6CY	Lynn Bartschi	yes	Angels Camp

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Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report November 1, 2021 to January 5, 2022

Banking Summary

11/1/2021 through 1/5/2022

Category	11/1/2021- 1/5/2022
INCOME	
Membership Dues	113.84
TOTAL INCOME	113.84
EXPENSES	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	12.87
Repeater Expenses	324.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	637.18
OVERALL TOTAL	523.34

Transaction

11/1/2021 through 1/5/2022

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 10/31/2021					5,750.89
11/9/2021 EFT		Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.34
12/1/2021 EFT		Gateway Press	K6WGY	Member Badges	12.87
12/2/2021 EFT		NARCC Dues	For Repeater operation	Repeater Expenses	20.00
12/3/2021 EFT		Ar2 Communications Products	2 VHF Pre-Amps	Repeater Expenses	242.10
12/4/2021 1180		AE6LA - Ken SANDERS	Ground protection 120v	Repeater Expenses	51.28
12/9/2021 EFT		Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.59
12/18/2021 DEP/PP		K1VHR - Gordon LaPORTE		Membership Dues	28.46
12/18/2021 DEP/PP		David Lichtenham - K6DCL		Membership Dues	28.46
1/3/2022 EFT		La Rue Communications	Jan, Feb, Mar	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
1/3/2022 DEP/PP		John Buster - KN6RLM		Membership Dues	28.46
1/5/2022 DEP/PP		Mark Price - N6ARP	22/23	Membership Dues	28.46
11/1/2021 - 1/5/2022					523.34
BALANCE 1/5/2022					5,227.55
TOTAL INFLOWS					113.84
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					637.18
NET TOTAL					523.34

Prepared by Ken Sanders, AE6LA, Treasurer

Total Active Members: 74
ARRL Membership: 46
Club ARRL Percentage: 62%

ARES/RACES Report

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RACES

Not too much going on with the RACES side of the house. We are still representing Calaveras County on the California Emergency Service net.

ARES

XCA ARES was put on Stand by for the winter storm in late December. I have been representing XCA ARES at the bi-Weekly Conference call with OES. OES knows that we are prepared and ready to be deployed for emergency communications.

I ask each XCA ARES members to resubmit a FSD98 to me, on Dec 17, 2021 I submitted all the forms that I received to our section EC and then updated my Email list. If you did not submit an FSD Form to me by that date I have dropped you from XCA ARES. We have gone from 27 members to 5.

The Section ARES net on Sunday morning at 7am on 80 meters, it is open to all. Currently there is only one XCA ARES member reporting to me that they have been checking into this net. Please, if you are checking in let me know. I want to make sure that Calaveras ARES is getting credit for participating.

I am working on the end of year report for our Section EC, it does not look as good as a few years ago. It may be due to members not let me know their time in participation in a net, an Emergency Meeting or other emergency preparation event / training.

This is all for now, be safe and keep those HT's charged.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

