

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

## **Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, March 10th, 2022, 18:30**

**Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA**

### **1) Meeting called to order**

- a) Welcome by past club president, Chuck, W6AJW (Steve, W6RXK arrived late)
- b) Pledge of allegiance led by Mark, N6IV
- c) Self-introductions by all (new member, Mark, N6ARP)

### **2) Reading of Minutes** from last meeting by Jack, W6JAK. Minutes were approved without corrections.

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

- a) Ken requested for members to consider taking lead on events supported by the club.
- b) All financial activities since the last meeting are included in the report.
- c) Report shows a net loss of \$140 with a current balance of \$5059.
- d) Overall, the bank balance has been rising due to increase in membership and sales of equipment driven by Steve, W6RXK.
- e) Recurring expenses include OOMA, monthly repeater site rent, and PO Box fee which has gone up to \$70. There are no major expenses anticipated so the funds should remain stable.
- f) A question was asked whether the pre-amp purchases were approved. The answer was that they were approved with a majority vote.
- g) Chuck, W6AJW, voiced concern about spending; he likes to see the balance is increasing--the higher the balance the better; and he stated Ken is doing a good job.
- h) Ken has and will make badges for the new club members. Club hats are also available.
- i) Steve, W6RXK, will be attending a swap meet with a couple of other members on March 19<sup>th</sup> and hopes to raise another \$200 with equipment sales.

### **4) Net Report** by Mark, N6IV.

- a) There were changes in net control personal, with Steve W6RXK, and Jack, W6JAK, transitioning from regular net controls to being back-ups, and the addition of two new net controls: Dave, K6DCL, and Mark, N6ARP.
- b) Since the last report, member check-ins averaged 26 with a range of 23 to 29. Visitor check-ins averaged 13 with a range of 11 to 16. The total check-ins averaged 39 per week. With the improvement in Fowler Peak repeater sensitivity, we are getting visitor check-ins from a wider area.

### **5) Breakfast Report** presented by Mike, N6AXQ, for Dee, KM6ELF. Only five people showed up at the last breakfast and Dee is concerned about the low attendance. Suggestions were made to send out email reminders to the club membership and to make an announcement at every Monday night net.

### **6) Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA

- a) The Fowler Peak repeater has been working well so Ken has not been to the site recently but he needs to update the database.

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- b) Currently, the Summit Level site has two repeaters with the portable repeater in operation at that location. Ken plans on retrieving the portable repeater to make it available for emergencies at other possible locations.
  - c) Although Ken has not been to the Reba repeater site recently, it should be working okay.
  - d) Ken was asked if he is compensated for the cost of the fuel he uses going to the sites. He is not but he doesn't mind because he enjoys doing the work.
- 7) Web Master's Report** by Andy, NV6V. Regarding work on the website, most of the updates to the site are performed by Mike, WBUSJ, and Jack, W6JAK. Andy keeps the website running and ensures the club roster is kept current.
- 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).
- 10) Guest Speakers,** Robert Williams and Don Urbanus, presented information on the upcoming Ride for Art and Mr. Frog's Wild Ride bike events.
- a) The rides, routes, locations, expected number of riders, and funds expected to be raised were described.
  - b) Rob stressed the importance of emergency communications. People have died and injuries have occurred at previous events.
  - c) Lunches will be provided to the radio operators. Operators will be located at rest stops and will ride with sag wagons.
  - d) Rob was asked whose insurance will cover the radio operators. He did not know but will check into it.
- 11) Old Business.**
- a) The bylaws update committee met in January. Chuck, W6AJW, Dee, KM6ELF, and Mike, N6AXQ, spent two hours reviewing the current bylaws. They need a couple more sessions and will try to meet again soon. When they are finished, they will present the recommended changes to the club for a vote.
  - b) It was determined that registration for the emergency trailer has not been paid for two years. With a \$163 penalty, a total of \$405 is due. Even if the trailer is scrapped, we would still owe the fees. Steve's opinion is that we should pay the fees to be legal and ethical. A motion to pay the fees was approved. Ken will give a check to Steve to pay the fees at the DMV. The subject of whether or not the club should keep the trailer will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
  - c) Work performed on the trailer was discussed. Al, KF6OBM, and Chuck have been doing demolition and repairs. Their plan is to reconstruct the trailer to make it useful for emergency communications. They are not asking money for the materials but would appreciate help on doing the work.
- 12) New Business.**
- a) Our newest members in the meeting were welcomed: N6ARP, Mark, from Turlock, and Dave, K6DCL, from Valley Springs. Randy, N6FPB, from Stockton. Mark was asked about the upcoming ham equipment auction in Turlock. He spoke about the website where information on the

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auction is provided.

- b) A swap meet will be occurring in Loomis on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the old train station. As previously mentioned, Steve and a couple other club members will be attending the swap meet.
- c) There was a general discussion on radio activities and the various modes.
- d) Mike, WA6ZTY, has accumulated vintage test equipment including an extremely accurate volt meter. He has the ability to perform calibration of radio and test equipment and is offering his services to the club members.

**13) Adjournment** by Steve, W6RXK, at 19:53.

## List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
Review proposed By-Law changes	1/18/2022	W6RXK, KM6ELF, N6AXQ	Open		

## List of Attendees

### Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting  
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 3/10/2022

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	SACK LUOMA	✓	MOUNTAIN RANCH
K6DCL	DAVE LICHTENHAN	✓	Valley Springs
NGIV	MARK GODBOAT	✓	MOKE HILL
W6ADW	Chuck Farr	✓	San Andreas
K6BLKV	DONNA FARR	✓	San Andreas
KG6QJV	George Campbell		Valley Springs
N6BV	ANDY THOMAS	✓	VALLEY SPRINGS
A66LA	Ken Sanders	✓	Arnold
W6BZY	Mike Farnne	✓	ARNOLD
	Rob Williams		Valley Springs
	Don Urbanus		Valley Springs
N6ARP	MARK PRICE	✓	Turlock / Camp Connell
A66CY	Lynn Bortschi	✓	Angels Camp
N6AXQ	MICHAEL AXIAH	✓	COPPERPOOLS
K6GOM	ALVIN CAMPOS	✓	S. ANDREAS
KG6AWI	NANCY CAMP		S. ANDREAS
K6GAY	WALT GYGER	✓	Angels Camp

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## Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report January 5, 2022 to March 5, 2022

### Banking Summary

1/5/2022 through 3/5/2022

Category	1/5/2022- 3/5/2022
<b>INCOME</b>	
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	40.00
Membership Dues	113.84
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>153.84</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Liability Insurance	200.00
Member Badges	12.87
Post Office Box Fee	70.00
Repeater Expenses	11.06
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>293.93</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>140.09</b>

### Transaction

1/5/2022 through 3/5/2022

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 1/4/2022</b>					<b>5,199.09</b>
44,566.00	DEP/PP	Mark Price - N6ARP	22/23	Membership Dues	28.46
44,571.00	DEP/PP	Eugene Nesterenko - KM6BNU		Membership Dues	28.46
44,571.00	DEP/PP	Joe Peery - KM6MBB		Membership Dues	28.46
44,571.00	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.52
44,580.00	EFT	Gateway Press	K6DCL	Member Badges	12.87
44,594.00	ATM	Arri Insurance		Liability Insurance	200.00
44,601.00	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.54
44,620.00	ATM	US Postal Service- PO Box Rent, A ONE YEAR RENT- March 2		Post Office Box Fee	70.00
44,624.00	DEP/PP	David Voit - WB6TOU		Membership Dues	28.46
44,575.00	DEP/ CK	Steven AIROLA	meeting sales	EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	40.00
<b>1/5/2022 - 3/5/2022</b>					<b>140.09</b>
<b>BALANCE 3/5/2022</b>					<b>5,059.00</b>
<b>Bank \$4,999.00</b>					<b>Cash \$60.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>153.84</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>293.93</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>140.09</b>

Total Active Members: 74  
ARRL Membership: 45  
Club ARRL Percentage: 61%

## ARES/RACES Report

### ARES / RACES:

#### RACES

I have been working with Calaveras OES to get a grant for some radio equipment. I was able to get information to OES for a digital station. This will include HF radio, PACTOR modem (p1, p2, p3, p4), HF/VHF/UHF radio, Packet modem, HF & VHF/UHF antennas. OES may be able to provide more than one of these stations, I will let you know of the progress as I receive it. We are still representing Calaveras County on the California Emergency Service net, but can use a few more operators.

#### ARES

XCA ARES needs members, if anyone is interested in the ARES program please contact myself or Jack for more information.

The Section ARES 80 meter net on Sunday at 07:00 on 3935 KHz LSB, There is also a Thursday night 160 Meter net on 1932 KHz +-QRM at 19:00, these are open to all. Please let me know if your check in to these nets so I can report you time to the SEC.

In the next few months I will be starting a 10 meter XCA ARES net, I am still working on the details for the time, day and Frequency, so it will not clash with other nets.

West Point C.E.R.T is planning a VE session on April 30 in West Point, so if you want to upgrade or know someone that wants to get their license or upgrade please let them know and send an email to [wptCERT@gmail.com](mailto:wptCERT@gmail.com) for more information.

Field Day is a few months away, I know West Point C.E.R.T is planning to set up at the West Point Fire Station 1 and is open to all.

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

