

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, May 12th, 2022, 18:30

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

Meeting called to order

- a) Welcome by club president, Steve, W6RXK
- b) Pledge of allegiance led by Mark, N6IV
- c) Self-introductions by all, including new member Helen, KM6ELE

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

3) Treasurer's Report by Steve, W6RXK (see attached reports)

- a) Equipment sales at the Loomis swap meet totaled \$640. Steve, Mike, KB6USJ, and Mark, N6IV, went to the swap meet with a trailer full of equipment. The team setup two tables which required \$40 for space rent (two spaces). Some Heathkit equipment was not sold and was brought back.
- b) Mike, WA6ZTW, has high-end transceivers for the next swap meet.
- c) Motorola equipment donated to Mark, N6IV, was given to Knox LaRue in exchange for one month of repeater site rent.
- d) There was a discussion on membership dues. Dues are due and sixty plus members have paid so far. Dues can be mailed to the club's PO Box or paid on-line via the club's website. Mark, N6IV, asked why a PO Box was necessary and instead use the treasurer's home mailing address. The response was that a PO Box is necessary for being incorporated and the address would not need to be changed whenever there is a new treasurer.

4) Monday Night Net Report by Mark, N6IV.

- a) The repeaters used during the nets are working well. Net controls are properly ignoring the jamming we've recently experienced.
- b) There have been varied guest check-ins from different locations, and overall the turnout has been good.
- c) Net controls have been doing a good job and are rock solid.
- d) Statistics for March and April. Members: Avg 25, with low of 23 and high of 29. Guests: Avg 12, with low of 9 and high of 14.

5) Repeater Report presented by Mike, WA6ZVW

- a) The Fowler Peak repeater database needs to be updated to add the 1 prefix to the phone numbers as required by the recent change for dialing in the 209 region.
- b) The portable 2M repeater was removed from the Summit site. The APRS digipeater was reinstalled.
- c) Mike is working on a microwave link between the Summit site and the fire station. A camera and weather station are being added to the site and the microwave line will provide remote access to these devices. Mike described all of the technical details about the microwave link and answered questions.

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- 6) **Breakfast Report** presented by Donna, KN6LKU. Turnout for the club breakfast at the Murphys Hotel was light with only 6 people attending. Regular attendees Dee, KM6ELF and Mike, N6AXQ were absent as they were on vacation.
- 7) **Web Master's Report** (Andy, NV6V, not present). Mike, KB6USJ, posted photos of Mr. Frog's Wild Ride on the website. Mike noticed that the side bar was missing from the web page and informed Andy. Andy stated he would check into the problem.
- 8) **Public Information Officer Report.** By Mike, WB6USJ.
 - a) Mike has been keeping the website updated with current information. The postings give the impression of club activity.
 - b) The swap meet at Loomis generated a lot of good will for the club and Calaveras amateurs.
 - c) The cost of gas may impact participation in club events.
 - d) Wendy from Mr. Frog's Wild Ride publicly thanked us for our support.
 - e) Mike will take possession of the club's signs currently in Chuck, AJ6W's, possession.
- 9) **ARES/RACES Report:** A report was not provided from Sam, W6SP, Calaveras County EC, due to family circumstances.
- 10) **Old Business.**
 - a) The roof on the club's trailer has been reinforced and sealed. Chuck and Al, KF6OBM, usually work on it every 10 to 14 days and spend 3 to 4 hours per session. The trailer could use new tires.
 - b) There has not been a By-Laws review meeting since the last report. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17th, at Round Table Pizza.
 - c) Mark, N6IV, gave a summary of Mr. Frog's Wild Ride. A lot of club members were involved with good net control operations. There were a few minor injuries which did not require ambulance support. There was very little automobile traffic on the narrow roads. Some riders had a difficult time. There were no impaired communications. The NCS station at Feeney Park needed a banner.
- 11) **New Business.**
 - a) Mike, KB6USJ, attended the video conference call on the ARRL grant program. The ARRL has \$500,000 available and the maximum amount for a single grant is \$25,000. The application process is not difficult and the deadline is June 30th. The grants are intended for club revitalization and public out-reach activities. Mike is looking for help or someone to take over completing the application. Former member John, KI6ART, will be contacted for assistance as he has experience in grant writing. Chuck said we would also help.
 - b) The ARRL Event Calendar was mentioned as a method of advertising club events. It is just a matter of submitting information about the event to the ARRL.
 - c) New member Helen, KM6ELE, was welcomed. When asked about her station she stated that Mike, WA6ZTY, set it up including the antenna. She is an active member of Search and Rescue.
 - d) Steve brought in a Drake TR7 transceiver that is for sale. He is asking \$600.
 - e) PG&E surge arrestors are causing RFI when they go bad. If you are having RFI problems and a surge protector is suspected, contact PG&E to have it replaced. PG&E will eventually replace a bad surge protector if not contacted.
 - f) Upcoming Events: The Markleeville Death Ride will be held in July. The Tahoe ham club has put a repeater on Hawkins Peak, and Mike, WA6ZTY, will drive over Ebbetts Pass to check its

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coverage. Mike and Ken, AE6LA, will participate in the event. Club members are invited to join to cover the route from the pass to Lake Alpine.

12) Adjournment by Steve, W6RXK, at 2004 hours.

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

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 12 MAY 2022

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
WGJAK	SAEK LUSANT	Y	MOUNTAIN Ranch
KE000AN	ALVIN LARSON	Y	SAN ANDREAS.
KG6AWT	WADY LARSON	Y	
WBADW	CHUCK L FARR	Y	San Andreas
KN6LKK	Donna Farr	Y	San Andreas
KM6EIF	Doc Richman	Y	Copper
NG6XQ	MICHAEL AXIAK	Y	COPPER
KB6USJ	MICHAEL GARDNER	Y	Copper
NG6IV	MARK GODBOUT	Y	MOKE hill
KM6ELE	Helen Yost	N	Vallecito
WA6ZTY	MIKE FARMIE	Y	ARNOLD
WB6RXK	STEVEN ALVAREZ	Y	San Andreas

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Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report March 6, 2022 to May 8, 2022

Banking Summary

3/6/2022 through 5/8/2022

Category	3/6/2022- 5/8/2022
INCOME	
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	640.00
HAT SALES	40.00
Membership Dues	73.46
TOTAL INCOME	753.46
EXPENSES	
Communications Trailer	405.00
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	12.87
Repeater Expenses	11.08
TOTAL EXPENSES	728.95
TRANSFERS	
FROM Cash Account	785.00
TO Checking	785.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	24.51

Transaction

3/6/2022 through 5/8/2022

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 3/5/2022					5,071.54
3/9/2022 EFT		Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.54
3/10/2022	1181	DMV		Communications Trailer	405.00
3/21/2022 TXFR		Transfer Money	Check from Ken Sanders	[Cash Account]	785.00
4/1/2022 EFT		La Rue Communications	Apr, May, Jun	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
4/4/2022 DEP/PP		Randal West - N6FPB		Membership Dues	28.46
4/11/2022 EFT		Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.54
4/29/2022 ATM		GATEWAY PRESS	Mark, N6ARP	Member Badges	12.87
3/10/2022 DEP/CASH		Hat And Visor Sold		HAT SALES	40.00
3/14/2022 DEP/ CK		Steve Vargas - W6CTF		Membership Dues	30.00
3/20/2022 DEP/ CK		Steven AIROLA	Lincoln Swap	EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	640.00
3/21/2022		Andy Thomas	KK6GIX half pay from RW	Membership Dues	15.00
3/21/2022		Transfer Money	Check from Ken Sanders	[Checking]	785.00
3/6/2022 - 5/8/2022					24.51
BALANCE 5/8/2022					5,096.05
TOTAL INFLOWS					1,538.46
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					1,513.95
NET TOTAL					24.51

Total Active Members: 75
ARRL Membership: 45
Club ARRL Percentage: 60%

Note: Dues received from WA6D and N6IV. Not yet showing in report.
3/21/2022 entry Andy \$15 is credit for Gate fees paid at RW4A March 20.
Incoming cash is moved to club checking by personal check from Ken to CARS

ARES/RACES Report

Not Submitted