

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, January 12th, 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
- 2) Reading of Minutes** by Jack, W6JAK. The minutes were approved as read.
- 3) Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached reports).
 - a) Ken explained the organization of the report and stated the reporting period started with \$6703 and ended with \$6477.
 - b) There was very little dues income with the major source of income being equipment sales.
 - c) The updated roster has been sent out, and Mark, N6IV, pointed out some errors.
- 4) Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV.
 - a) Average number of member check-ins since the last meeting was 28 with a range of 25 to 32.
 - b) Average number of visitor check-ins was 10 with a range of 6 to 11.
- 5) Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA.
 - a) During the previous Monday night/Tuesday morning, high winds knocked down the tower on Fowler peak. As it fell, the tower guy-wires swept the antennas off the connex. (Hans Weidhofer measured 100 MPH wind speeds at the site.) Ken went to the site after receiving a phone call by Knox La Rue and took pictures and assessed the damage. A couple of days later, he put the south antenna back up and used the old push-up mast for the north antenna. The APRS antenna will be reinstalled when Knox La Rue replaces the tower. Knox also said the club will have a good position for our antenna on the replacement tower and will replace the main antenna for us. Al, KF6OBM, and Chuck, W6AJW, stated they will go to Sonora to procure a chain-link top-rail to be used in place of the push-up mast.
 - b) The Summit and Reba sites are snowed-in so Ken has not been able to do a check, but they are still working.
- 6) Breakfast Report** presented by Dee, KM6ELF.
 - a) Everyone who attended the last breakfast had a wonderful time.
 - b) Dee asked and will ask during the Monday night net whether anyone is having a birthday in January or February. They will be celebrated at the next breakfast.
- 7) Web Master's Report** presented by Andy, NV6V.
 - a) Andy upgraded Word Press which is the hosting service for the club's web site.
 - b) Andy is looking at interfaces that will allow home weather stations reports to be shown on the website. Several club members have weather stations and showing their reports could be a valuable resource.

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8) Public Information Officer Report was presented by Mike, KB6USJ.

- a) Mike announced the balloon launch by Dave, WB6TOU.
- b) There will be several classes on ham radio to be conducted at the Mountain Oak school in Sonora. The first class will be held February 4th and the main topic is the balloon launch. Various aspects of the balloon mission will be discussed including APRS, geography, and earth science. About a dozen students have expressed interest in the classes. Mike would like club members to get involved in the classes so that the students will be exposed to the broad spectrum of ham radio activities.

9) ARES/RACES Report. A report provided by Sam, WS6P, was read by Jack, W6JAK (see attached).

10) Old Business.

- a) There is nothing new to report on the club's emergency trailer. With the change of season and the holidays no work was performed.
- b) There is no change to the status on updating the club's bylaws.
- c) Steve, W6RXK, spoke to the president of TCARES about having another picnic in Angels Camp. Interest was expressed in having a picnic.

11) New Business:

- a) The second application for the ARRL grant was not approved. There will not be another submission.
- b) Ken, AE6LA, looked into "yard" signs to be used for the various club events. The signs are 24 x 36 inches and the cost would not exceed \$300 for 25 signs. A motion was put forth to purchase the signs and was approved after a discussion on quantities. The organizer of the Rim Trail event donated \$500 to the club which will more than cover the cost of the signs.

12) Upcoming Events:

- a) The events listed in the agenda were discussed. There will be additional events such as the Arnold Rim Trail Run on May 13th, the Death Ride, and swap meets such as the one held in Lincoln, CA.
- b) The next club meeting is scheduled for March 9th at Round Table Pizza in Angels Camp.

13) Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours following a video presentation on ham radio by Montana Public Television.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
None					

List of Attendees

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 12 JAN 2023

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	JACK Luoma	Y	MOUNTAIN RANCH
NV6V	ANDY Thomas	Y	RANCHO CALAVERAS
NG1V	MARK Godbout	Y	MOCKE Hill
KN6LKH	Donna Farr	Y	San Andreas
W6AISW	Chuck Farr	Y	" "
AE6LA	Ken Sanders	Y	Arnold
W6GZTY	Mike Fahme	Y	ARNOLD
AD6AE	DAVID ARICH	Y	MURPHYS
W6R+K	Steven Aivola	Y	San Andreas
K6GUST	MICHAEL Greulich	Y	COPPERPOOLS
K6BELF	Dee Richina	Y	ANGELS C.
N6AXQ	MICHAEL AXIAC	Y	COPPERPOOLS
KF6GBM	AL Iamora	Y	S.A.
K6GAWT	Nancy Iamora	Y	S.A.
K6PWG	Pascal Gyger	Y	Angels Camp
K6WGY	Walt Gyger	Y	Angels Camp
N6ARP	Mark Price	Y	Turlock Camp Loma
K6GELE	Helen Yost	Y	Vallecito
AC6CY	Lynn Bentschi	Y	Vallecito

Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report November 8, 2022 to January 6, 2023.

Banking Summary

11/8/2022 through 1/6/2023

Category	11/8/2022- 1/6/2023
INCOME	
Amazon Smile Income	5.32
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	120.00
TOTAL INCOME	125.32
EXPENSES	
Charity	100.00
Hat Purchase (Gateway)	219.59
Repeater Expenses	31.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	350.92
TRANSFERS	
FROM Cash Account	60.00
TO Checking	60.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	225.60

Transaction

11/8/2022 through 1/6/2023

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 11/7/2022					6,703.20
11/9/2022	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.54
11/11/2022	DEP/ CK	Steven AIROLA		EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	120.00
11/11/2022	1183	THE RESOURCE CONNECTION- Food Bank Donation		Charity	100.00
11/16/2022	ATM	GATEWAY PRESS	23 green club hats	Hat Purchase (Gateway)	219.59
11/21/2022	DEP	Amazon Smile		Amazon Smile Income	5.32
12/8/2022	DEP	Ken Sanders	Dues & Hats	[Cash Account]	60.00
12/9/2022	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.79
12/12/2022	EFT	PayPal	NARCC Dues	Repeater Expenses	20.00
12/8/2022		Transfer Money	check from Ken Sanders	[Checking]	60.00
11/8/2022 - 1/6/2023					225.60
BALANCE 1/6/2023					6,477.60
TOTAL INFLOWS					185.32
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					410.92
NET TOTAL					225.60

Total Active Members: 78

ARRL Membership: 46

Club ARRL Percentage: 59%

ARES/RACES Report

ARES / RACES:

RACES

Not too much going on with RACES, I still a monthly conference call with Calaveras OES. We are still representing Calaveras County on the California Emergency Service net, but can use a few more operators. We do have a declared state of emergency due to the flooding in some parts of the county, as of yet, County OES has not activated us, but we are on their radar if needed.

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, is open to all. Please let me know if your check in to these nets so I can report your time to the SEC.

With this extreme weather, Calaveras Health and Human Resources opened some warming centers at several library locations. Does not look like there will be a need for radio communications.

Area flooding and high wind are the main concerns with these storms, sandbags can be picked up at several locations within the county. With these high winds; down trees blocking roadways and falling into powerlines are an extreme hazard. Power outages are likely, so keep those HT's charged as well as any backup battery packs.

As far as I can see all of the repeaters in the area are operational, please utilize them to keep in touch, and pass on any pertinent information.

Sorry for missing this report last meeting, but I was in the hospital for most of November, I am recovering, slowly but surely. Thanks to everyone that called and stopped by to see while I was in ICU, it kept my spirits up.

73,
Sam – WS6P
Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES
Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

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