

## Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

### Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, March 9th, 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 members Chris, KF6NFW, and Beth, KD7KNF, Robinson

**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 stated the reporting period started with \$6448 and ended with \$6011 (rounded). The reduced balance is typical for this time of year because of lack of dues payments.
- b) Dues paid now are good through June 2024.
- c) A \$500 donation was received from the ~~Arnold Rim Trail Association (ARTA)~~Pacific Trail Runs. However, the check was post-dated and bounced causing the club to incur a \$15 returned check fee. A replacement check for \$515 will be sent by ~~the ARTA~~Pacific Trail Runs.
- d) There are a total of 79 active members, 47 of which are also ARRL members.
- e) The second to last transaction entry of the financial report is regarding a \$20 cash received for hats which required Ken to write a check for depositing. The last transaction entry is regarding polyphasers which should not have been in the report.

**4) Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV.

- a) For January, the average member of check-ins was 30 with a range of 27 to 32. Guest check-ins averaged 8, with a range of 6 to 10.
- b) For February, the average member of check-ins was 28 with a range of 24 to 31. Guest check-ins averaged 10, with a range of 8 to 12.

**5) Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA.

- a) Fowler Peak Repeater: No news has been received from Knox La Rue regarding a replacement tower. The repeater is currently running on the APRS antenna. The remote base and repeater are functional.
- b) Summit Level Repeater: the remote base is not working so there is no link to Fowler Peak. The APRS is working well. The Summit site has several repeaters in operations including Calaveras Command (Fire), CCSAR, the club UHF repeater, and the APRS digipeater.
- c) Reba Mountain Repeater: No status is available from Ken due to weather. Mike, WA6ZTY, said the repeater was working as of three weeks ago.

**6) Breakfast Report** presented by Nancy, KG6AWT.

- a) There was a total of seven attendees. Good conversations were enjoyed by all.
- b) The next breakfast is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Murphys Hotel.

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- 7) **Web Master's Report** presented by Andy, NV6V. Andy sent out an email to the membership regarding a list of weather station brands and models compatible with the site's new weather reporting capability. Andy currently has his weather station reporting information, but no one else has provided reporting information from their station. Once other stations are participating, Andy may show their locations on a map.
- 8) **Public Information Officer Report** was presented by Mike, KB6USJ.
  - a) The Pico balloon project with Mountain Oak School has been delayed. The launch is expected to occur later in April. The launch will occur in Lodi and Mike will send out an email with the location and date so members can attend.
  - b) The first amateur radio class at Mountain Oak School is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> with a second session scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>. About a dozen students are expected to attend.
- 9) **ARES/RACES Report.** A report provided by Sam, WS6P, was read by Jack, W6JAK (see attached). Chris, KF6NFW, expressed interest in joining Calaveras County ARES and provided his email to Jack for informing Sam.
- 10) **Old Business.**
  - a) Al, KF6OBM, worked on the club's emergency trailer by tagging the electrical wires. Progress on the trailer has been slow due to the weather and with Chuck, W6AJW, being sick.
  - b) There is no change to the status on updating the club's bylaws.
  - c) Status on the club's VE program was discussed. Chris, KF6NFW, Mike, KB6USJ, and Jack, W6JAK, have VE certificates but there is no one with a required Extra Class license. Jack stated he is currently studying to take the Extra Class exam.
- 11) **New Business:** Ken, AE6LA, will be picking up the "yard" signs tomorrow which are to be used for the various club events.
- 12) **Upcoming Events:**
  - a) The events listed in the agenda were discussed. The Ride and Walk for Art on March 19<sup>th</sup> is fully staffed but Ken could still use some help. The event may be cancelled due to bad weather or flooding, but the assumption is that it will be held. Communications for Mr. Frog's Wild Ride will be coordinated using the Fowler Peak Repeater.
  - b) Mike, WA6ZTY, stated that the Markleeville Death Ride on July 15<sup>th</sup> will be extended to Alpine Lake. Mike is coordinating the club's participation with the Tahoe Radio Club.
  - c) The next club meeting is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at Round Table Pizza in Angles Camp.
- 13) **Special Presentation:** the planned presentation on Power Poles was cancelled due to the bad weather.
- 14) **Roundtable:** Ken is having back surgery on May 17<sup>th</sup> and will subsequently be in recovery. He requested members to pay dues before his surgery. Ken also mentioned that Amazon Smile has been discontinued.
- 15) **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1936 hours.

## 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: 3/9/23

| CALL   | Name                | Member? | QTH                     |
|--------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| W6JAK  | Greg Luoma          | Y       | Mountain Ranch          |
| AEGLA  | Ron Sanders         | Y       | Arnold                  |
| NV6V   | Andy Thomas         | Y       | Rancho Calaveras        |
| KB6USJ | Michael L. Greenich | Y       | Copperopolis            |
| KF6NFW | Chris Robinson      | Y       | Angels Camp             |
| KD7KFN | Beth Robinson       | Y       | Angels Camp             |
| W6ZTY  | Mike Fahme          | Y       | Arnold                  |
| K6HAAJ | Nancy Lamore        | Y       | San Andreas             |
| K6LKKU | Donna Farr          | Y       | San Andreas             |
| KF6DBM | AL LAMORE           | Y       | SAN ANDREAS             |
| W6AJW  | Chuck Farr          | Y       | San Andreas             |
| N6ARP  | Mark Price          | Y       | Camp Connell/Torlock    |
| N6IV   | MARK GODBOUT        | Y       | Mokelumne Hill          |
| N6AXQ  | MICHAEL AXIAK       | Y       | COPPEROPOLIS            |
| KM6ELF | DEE RICHINA-AXIAK   | Y       | SAN ANGELES CAMP/COPPER |
| W6RAK  | Steven Aikela       | Y       | San Andreas             |
| KD6ONU | Glenn Byron         |         | Valley Springs          |
| Y6WGM  | Walt Gyges          | Y       | Angels Camp             |

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## Treasurer's Report

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report January 7, 2023 to March 4, 2023

### Banking Summary

1/7/2023 through 3/4/2023

| Category                 | 1/7/2023- 3/4/2023 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>            |                    |
| Amazon Smile Income      | 10.94              |
| Event Sponsor Donations  | 13.00              |
| HAT SALES                | 70.00              |
| Member Donations         | 80.00              |
| Membership Dues          | 28.91              |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>      | <b>174.85</b>      |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>          |                    |
| Fowler Repeater Expenses | 163.31             |
| Liability Insurance      | 200.00             |
| Member Badges            | 23.74              |
| Post Office Box Fee      | 78.00              |
| Repeater Expenses        | 172.62             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>    | <b>641.67</b>      |
| <b>TRANSFERS</b>         |                    |
| FROM Cash Account        | 120.00             |
| TO Checking              | 120.00             |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>   | <b>0.00</b>        |
| <b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>     | <b>466.82</b>      |

### Transaction

1/7/2023 through 3/4/2023

| Date                       | Nun     | Description                                 | Memo                    | Category                 | Amount          |
|----------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>BALANCE 1/6/2023</b>    |         |   |                         |                          | <b>6,477.60</b> |
| 1/9/2023                   | EFT     | Ooma  |                         | Repeater Expenses        | 5.87            |
| 1/9/2023                   | DEP/PP  | David Jones - WA6D                          |                         | Membership Dues          | 28.91           |
| 1/21/2023                  | DEP/ CK | Michael Groevich                            |                         | HAT SALES                | 30.00           |
| 1/23/2023                  | ATM     | GATEWAY PRESS                               |                         | Member Badges            | 23.74           |
| 1/28/2023                  | DEP     | Ken Sanders                                 | Convert cash            | [Cash Account]           | 100.00          |
| 1/28/2023                  | 1184    | Ken Sanders                                 | ladder and clamps       | Fowler Repeater Expenses | 163.31          |
| 1/28/2023                  | DEP/ CK | The Trail Portal LLC                        |                         | Event Sponsor Donations  | 300.00          |
| 2/1/2023                   | NSF     | The Trail Portal LLC                        | \$15 Dep Return Fee     | Event Sponsor Donations  | 315.00          |
| 2/3/2023                   | EFT     | Risk Strategies                             | ARRL Club Liability Ins | Liability Insurance      | 200.00          |
| 2/6/2023                   | 1185    | Ken Sanders                                 | 3 PolyPhasers           | --Split--                | 140.88          |
| 2/9/2023                   | EFT     | Ooma  |                         | Repeater Expenses        | 5.87            |
| 2/10/2023                  | DEP     | Amazon Smile                                |                         | Amazon Smile Income      | 10.94           |
| 2/16/2023                  | EFT     | US Postal Service- PO Box Rent, Angels Camp |                         | Post Office Box Fee      | 78.00           |
| 1/21/2023                  | S       | Mark Price - N6ARP                          |                         | --Split--                | 100.00          |
| 1/28/2023                  |         | Ken Sanders                                 | Convert cash            | [Checking]               | 100.00          |
| 2/4/2023                   |         | Al Lemore KF6OBM                            | 2 Hats at breakfast     | HAT SALES                | 20.00           |
| 2/6/2023                   |         | Ken Sanders                                 | 3 PolyPhasers           | [Checking]               | 20.00           |
| <b>1/7/2023 - 3/4/2023</b> |         |   |                         |                          | <b>466.82</b>   |
| <b>BALANCE 3/4/2023</b>    |         |   |                         |                          | <b>6,010.78</b> |
| <b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>       |         |   |                         |                          | <b>789.85</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>      |         |   |                         |                          | <b>1,256.67</b> |
| <b>NET TOTAL</b>           |         |   |                         |                          | <b>466.82</b>   |

Total Active Members: 79

ARRL Membership: 47

Club ARRL Percentage: 59%

## **ARES/RACES Report**

### **ARES / RACES:**

#### **RACES**

Nothing new to report for RACES. I'm still looking for operators to participate in the California Emergency Service net, held on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings.

#### **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 late winter weather, Calaveras Health and Human Resources opened a warming center at the San Andreas library. Does not look like there will be a need for radio communications.

The large amount of low snow brought the power outages, the West Point repeater ran flawlessly. The repeater was able to provide safety communication while West Point CERT Team members helped remove snow from the fire station, the Association Office Landing Zone and at several other key locations within the area. This was a good example of keeping those HT's charged, as well as any backup battery packs.

I know of two Ham Cram's scheduled, one is on March 17 at the Copperopolis Fire Station 1. Contact Mike N6AXQ for more information. The other Ham Cram is schedule for April 15 in West Point. The Ham Cram starts at 830am, with an VE Session at 3pm and is open to all. As always, Laurel VE sessions are conducted at no cost to the person taking the exam. All persons now need to have an FRN before take a test.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

