

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, May 11th, 2023, 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 with correction to organization sponsoring Arnold Rim Trail Run (Pacific Trail Runs, not ARTA).
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached reports).
 - a) Ken stated there were very few transactions during the reporting period.
 - b) Fifteen of the two-sided signs were received which are intended to be used during club activities.
 - c) The bank statement showed an ending balance of \$5886 which matches the financial report.
 - d) There was a discussion on who is authorized to sign checks for the club. Steve has authorization but Ken did not know with certainty of other members having authorization. Steve will find out from the bank who has authorization.
 - e) We have not been invoiced by Knox La Rue for the Fowler Peak repeater rental. The status of a replacement tower is unknown. Steve has a friend who knows Knox's brother, Robert. Steve will see if his friend can contact Robert to get information about the tower from Knox.
- 4) **Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA.
 - a) Fowler Peak Repeater: The repeater is still functional but Ken has not been up to the site for several months. The APRS antenna installed on the connex is being used for the repeater. The remote base is using a separate antenna.
 - b) Summit Level Repeater: the link to Fowler was down over the winter due to water damage to the radio. Mike, WA6ZTY, replaced the damaged radio with an identical Yaesu FT-1500 unit, and the link is now operational. The club needs to obtain a replacement radio so Mike can have his radio back. The same model radio is needed to avoid a lot of configuration changes.
- 5) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV.
 - a) The average number of member of check-ins was 25 with a range of 21 to 32.
 - b) Guest check-ins averaged 10, with a range of 7 to 13.
 - c) Net control positions are fully staffed.
 - d) As an aside, Ken, AE6LA, received a PayPal payment from KN6TNA in Campo Seco. Information is needed for membership and for him to be put on the roster. Andy, NV6V, asked if he needs to sign an agreement prior to being put on the roster. Steve, W6RXK, will contact KN6TNA and have him sign an agreement.
- 6) **Breakfast Report** presented by Dee, KM6ELF.
 - a) Only three people attended the breakfast according to Tim, KD6NRB, but there were good conversations.
 - b) The next breakfast is scheduled for June 3rd at the Murphys Hotel. The swap-meet at Minden,

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NV, is being held the same day. Steve, W6RXK, and possibly others will be attending the swap meeting instead.

7) Web Master's Report presented by Andy, NV6V.

- a) The club's website is still running and being kept current. Mike, KB6USJ, posted pictures from Mr. Frog's Wild Ride event.
- b) Andy heard back from two members about reporting their weather station data on the website. Andy could not get the weather reporting application to work so he will look for a better app.

8) Public Information Officer Report. Reported for Mike, KB6USJ, by Steve, W6RXK.

- a) A Pico balloon will be released May 20th at the Mountain Oak School. Everyone is welcome to attend the event.
- b) The previously released balloon was last reported to be over Italy.

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

10) Old Business.

- a) Nothing new to report on the club's emergency trailer.
- b) Work on the by-laws will be performed during the month of June.
- c) Status on the club's VE program was discussed. Jack, W6JAK, passed the Extra Class exam and can assume the VE Liaison responsibility from Ken, AE6LA. Jack requested to meet with Ken to go over the process and to receive the materials. Ken said he would be available in about a month. Jack can possibly host test sessions at the Mountain Ranch Community Hall since he is the current hall manager. It was suggested that ham crams should also be considered.
- d) Ken, AE6LA, reported on the club's activities during Mr. Frog's Wild Ride. Participants included N6IV, WA6ZTY, N6ARD, KB6USJ, K6WGY, K6PWG, AD6AE, and KM6ELE. Susan Linus from the sponsor organization thanked the club for our support and she will send a letter of appreciation.
- e) Ken stated that the positions required for the Arnold Rim Trail Run are covered with NV6V, K6WGY, K6PWG, AD6AE, N6IV, and N6ARP participating. Other members are still welcome to participate.
- f) Mike, WA6ZTY, will be coordinating the club's participation in the Death Ride event. Mike needs someone to cover Alpine Lake. Ken can't commit to the event due to his upcoming back surgery.

11) New Business: A new location for club picnic planned for September 23rd must be identified and reserved since Utica Park in Angels Camp is closed for construction. Several possible locations were suggested and discussed, including Tryon Park, Mountain Ranch Park, Christian Family Learning Center, New Melones recreational areas, and Black Creek Park in Copperopolis. It is desired to find a location convenient to both CARS and TCARES members. Steve, W6RXK, will check into possible locations.

12) Upcoming Events:

- a) The upcoming Arnold Rim Trail and Death Ride events were discussed in Old Business.
- b) The next club meeting is scheduled for July 13th at Round Table Pizza in Angles Camp.

13) Special Presentation: Steve, W6RXK, presented a new PowerWerx battery box he obtained from HRO.

14) Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1954 hours.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
Determine who has check writing authorization	5/11/23	Steve, W6RXK	Open		
Determine new location for club picnic	5/11/23	Steve, W6RXK	Open		
Transfer VE Liaison responsibilities	5/11/23	Jack, W6JAK Ken, AE6LA	Open		
Obtain signed agreement from KN6TNA	5/11/23	Steve, W6RXK	Open		

List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 11 MAY 2023

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
WG5AK	JACK LUNDA	Y	MOUNTAIN RANCH
NV6V	ANDY THOMAS	Y	VALLEY SPRINGS
NG1V	MARK GODDARD	Y	MOKE HILL
AE6LA	Ken Sanders	Y	Arnold
W6GZTY	Mike Falmire	Y	ARNOLD
KF60PM	ALVIN CAMPBELL	Y	SAN ANDREAS
K66AT	Nancy Landa	Y	SAN ANDREAS
KD6AKB	Tim Cody	Y	Angels Camp
KM6EIF	Dee Richina	Y	Copperopolis
K6AXQ	MICHAEL A. AXIAK	Y	"
K6PWG	Pascal Gyger	Y	Angels Camp
K6JGY	Walt Gyger	Y	Angels Camp
W6RXR	Steven Rink	Y	San Andreas
N6ARF	Mark Price	Y	Camp Connell / Torlock

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Treasurer's Report

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report March 5, 2023 to May 5, 2023

Banking Summary

3/5/2023 through 5/5/2023

Category	3/5/2023- 5/5/2023
INCOME	
Membership Dues	28.91
TOTAL INCOME	28.91
EXPENSES	
Printing and Reproduction	440.80
Repeater Expenses	12.57
TOTAL EXPENSES	453.37
OVERALL TOTAL	424.46

Transaction

3/5/2023 through 5/5/2023

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 3/4/2023					6,010.78
3/9/2023 EFT		Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.87
3/10/2023 DEP/PP		Walt Gyger - K6WGY		Membership Dues	28.91
3/14/2023 ATM		GATEWAY PRESS	15 Event Signs	Printing and Reproduction	440.80
4/10/2023 EFT		Ooma		Repeater Expenses	6.70
3/5/2023 - 5/5/2023					424.46
BALANCE 5/5/2023					5,586.32
TOTAL INFLOWS					28.91
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					453.37
NET TOTAL					424.46

Note: We have not been invoiced for tower space rental this year due to the tower fall. \$100/month

Total Active Members: 82
ARRL Membership: 48
Club ARRL Percentage: 59%

ARES/RACES Report

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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. I did send information to CCOES for a FEMA Webinar on how they can use Amateur radio during an emergency.

I would like to thank John Osbourn for supporting the RACES and ARES programs as we wish him good luck at his new position with the Calaveras County Water District.

ARES

XCA ARES has two potential members, I have reached out to both but have not received their FSD98 form. Anyone that is interested in the ARES program please contact myself or Jack for more information and/or a FSD98 ARES application form. I also was able to retrieve the old Data from the discontinued ARES Connect platform, I have rebuilt a email group so I can pass on any information to all ARES members.

While on the monthly call with CCOES I learned that Cal Fire will be at full staffing at all Tuolumne Calaveras Unit fire stations by mid-June. As well as PG&E will implementing its PSPS protocols once the weather gets warmer, so keep those HT's charged, as well as any backup battery packs.

The two Ham Cram's produced 9 new technician level Ham operators, thanks go to the Copperopolis CERT for hosting in March and to West Point CERT for hosting in April. The next test session is scheduled for Field Day in West Point, with a Ham Cram in October. I would like to welcome Mike – N6AXQ as a member of the West Point CERT Laurel VE team.

In May, on the first Wednesday of the month, West Point CERT will hold a net on the West Point Fire CERT repeater beginning at 1800, it will also be switching after the UHF net to a simplex frequency of 146.565MHz with a tone of 100Hz beginning in June.

On May 13 the Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test is scheduled. It is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. I have attached the information at the end of this report. It is a good way to test your radio, antenna and transmit offset options.

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

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