

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, July 10th, 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, including returning members Larry, W6LA, and Mike, K6AAN, and new member Kristen, KD6SUN.

Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK. Mike, WA6ZTY, noted that the radio on loan at Summit is an FT-1500, not FT-150. The minutes were approved with the correction.

2) Treasurer's Report by Ken, AE6LA (see attached reports).

- a) The club have checking account and cash assets totaling \$6,780.73 with no liabilities.
- b) Ken provided a comparison of expenses over the last five years. Equipment sales have made a significant contribution to the club's finances.
- c) The fiscal year is July 1st through June 30th. Ken will be reviewing and completing the EoY submissions to the Franchise Tax Board and Secretary of State to maintain the club's non-profit corporation status.
- d) Thirty of the 89 club members have not paid their yearly dues.
- e) Knox La Rue sent a bill for \$900 for the Fowler repeater site rent. Steve negotiated with Knox and got it reduced to \$500 since the new tower has not been installed. Knox reiterated that the club will have a good spot on the new tower for our antenna.
- f) Pacific Trail Runs donated \$850 cash for the club's support to the Arnold Rim Trail Run. This donation replaced the previous donation of \$500 by check, which bounced.

3) Repeater Report presented by Ken, AE6LA.

- a) Fowler Peak Repeater: The APRS radio continues to be off the air due to its antenna being used for the repeater.
- b) Summit Level Repeater: The APRS at Summit is functioning very well with very broad coverage. Al, KI6OBM, donated a Yaesu FT-8900R to replace the Yaesu FT-1500 on loan from Mike, WA6ZTY. Mike commented that the site is running on 16 golf cart batteries which will be replaced by lithium batteries.
- c) Reba Repeater: The Reba repeater is not being used very much, and the APRS antenna is being used at Summit to keep APRS operational for the county.

4) Monday Night Net Report by Mark, N6IV.

- a) The average number of member of check-ins for the past two months was 28 with a range of 27 to 32.
- b) Guest check-ins averaged 9, with a range of 6 to 11.

5) Breakfast Report presented by Dee, KM6ELF.

- a) There was a good turnout for the breakfast and included visitors.
- b) There will be four birthdays celebrated at the next breakfast.
- c) Dee would like the club officers to attend the breakfasts more frequently.

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- 6) **Web Master's Report**, Andy, NV6V, was not present.
- 7) **Public Information Officer Report**. Presented by Mike, KB6USJ.
- a) Upcoming public service events include the 4th of July Parade in Arnold and the Firecracker running event.
 - b) The latest amateur radio balloon launch was in Lodi on July 20th. Lincoln High School also launched a balloon.
- 8) **ARES/RACES Report**. A report provided by Sam, WS6P, was read by Jack, W6JAK (see attached).
- 9) **Old Business**.
- a) Nothing new to report on the club's emergency trailer.
 - b) The trailer license tags need to be renewed and the DMV notice is expected to be sent to the club's PO Box.
 - c) There will be a new VE exam question pool in effect July 1st. The next club VE exam date has not been established.
 - d) The update to the club's bylaws is still pending.
- 10) **New Business**.
- a) The club picnic is scheduled for September 23rd and Steve will send out a list of food to bring and request an RSVP from the members. The picnic will be located at Foothill Community Church on Whittle Road outside of Angels Camp. Chuck, W6AJW, will be the BBQ chef. Ken suggested making a donation to the church since they are not charging rent for use of their facility.
 - b) Ken reminded everyone about paying club dues.
- 11) **Upcoming Events**:
- a) Mike, WA6ZTY, provided a status of the upcoming Death Ride event. The event will be much the same as last year. Eight hams will be participating and Mike will be bringing the club event signs for public and event participant awareness.
- 12) **Special Presentation**: Mike, KB6USJ, presented a video of the latest balloon launch and showed a map of the location of the KBSUSJ-11 balloon over the Pacific. Mike, WA6ZTY, described the portable power supply he built for Helen, KM6ELE.
- 13) **Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 1938 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	Closed	7/13/2023	Foothill Community Church
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: 7/13/2023

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	JACK LUOMA	Y	MOUNTAIN RANCH
K6GUS	MIKE GUSCICK	Y	COPPER POLARIS
AD6LA	Ike Sanders	Y	Arado
W6LA	LARRY TUSONI	Y	ANGELS CAMP
K6AAN	Mike Dwyer	yes	Valley Springs
K6GJUN	Kristen Dwyer	yes	Valley Springs
N6ELV	MARK GODBOUT	Y	MARKS HILL
W6RXK	Steven Alvord	Y	Sean Andrews
K6BWT	Nancy Lamore	"	S A
K6GBN	AL LAMOR	"	"
N6ANR	MICHAEL A. AXIN	Y	COPPER
K6WELF	TORE RICHINA	Y	"
K6ELE	Helen Yost	Y	Vallecito
N6ARP	mark Price	Y	Camp Connell/Turlock

Treasurer’s Reports

Net Worth - As of 6/30/2023

Account	6/30/2023 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	6,750.73
Cash Account	30.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	6,780.73
TOTAL ASSETS	6,780.73
LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	6,780.73

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Calaveras Amateur Radio Society , Inc. 5 Yr Compare 7/2023

Income/Expense by Category

7/1/2018 through 6/30/2023 (Cash Basis)

Category	7/1/2018- 6/30/2019	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022	7/1/2022- 6/30/2023	Overall TOTAL
INCOME						
Amazon Smile Income	0.00	23.04	36.46	26.39	41.62	127.51
Check Book Correction	0.00	34.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.26
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	777.00	830.00	3,307.00
Event Sponsor Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.00	835.00
HAT SALES	0.00	130.00	0.00	40.00	158.91	328.91
Member Donations	5.00	73.00	200.00	30.00	120.00	428.00
Membership Dues	1,852.60	1,738.97	2,116.87	1,539.87	1,797.49	9,045.80
Repeater Expenses Reimbursement	422.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	422.52
Returned From CommTrailer	104.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.12
VE Income	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,509.24	1,999.27	4,053.33	2,413.26	3,783.02	14,758.12
EXPENSES						
Bank Fee	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Biz Supplies	34.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.99
Charity	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
Christmas Party	198.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.36
Communications Trailer	0.00	116.00	0.00	405.00	125.00	646.00
Field Day	155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.00
Filing Fees	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	40.00
HAM Equipment - Not Repeater	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Ham Repeater Service Fee	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	800.00	5,900.00
Hat Purchase (Gateway)	164.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.59	384.43
Liability Insurance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00
Member Badges	81.52	82.24	23.60	38.61	25.74	251.71
Phone Bill	13.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.37
Post Office Box Fee	56.00	65.00	64.00	70.00	78.00	333.00
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	440.80	440.80
Publicity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.78	103.78
Repeater Expenses	341.39	206.00	528.65	427.15	417.39	1,755.27
TriCounty BBQ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.96	212.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,745.47	2,101.24	2,066.25	2,360.76	2,723.26	11,996.98
OVERALL TOTAL	236.23	101.97	1,987.08	52.50	1,059.76	2,761.14

ARES/RACES Report

ARES / RACES:

RACES

Nothing new to report for RACES. There is still a need for operators to participate in the California Emergency Service net, held on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings.

I did email Cameron Bardwell of Calaveras OES about the possibility of doing field day at Calaveras OES and she is open to the idea. When I have completed the planning with her, I will let you know.

ARES

XCA ARES members should of been receiving emails from me when there is information to pass on. Like the RatPac Zoom meetings, this is a good way to learn a new skill or brush up on those older ones.

Ham Cram will be schedule in October in West Point, hosted by West Point Fire CERT. As many of you know that FCC has put on a fee to get your license and to renew your current one. But they also added the fee to club calls. As of yet, I have not done a club call, but I will be doing one in the upcoming future.

In May, West Point CERT has held a net on the West Point Fire CERT repeater beginning at 1800, It has gone well so far. If you cannot hit the West Point Repeater listen on 146.565 MHz as the net switches to this frequency after the UHF net. Please set a tone of 100Hz as this net uses CTCSS on this simplex channel.

Also, I would like to than Jack, W6JAK for hosting the WiRES node for the CARS repeater over the past several years. Unfortunately, the ISP that he switched to does not open the ports needed for the WiRES system to fully function. So, I am looking for a host location that has the ability to open some UDP ports. I have all the equipment need, except a wired internet connection, an antenna, Coax, a 12 VDC source and a UPS for the laptop and a good patch to the repeater. I will be do all programming and updates remotely so you do not have to learn how the maintain the system. If you think you can help please contact me at SamTheHam@flojobrew.com.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer



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