

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, November 9th, 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, and a tribute to veterans and history of Veterans Day (formerly Armistice Day) by Mike, N6AXQ;
- c) Self-introductions by all with special guests, Kristen, KD6SUN, new president of Lodi Amateur Radio Club and Scott, KN6RKY, visiting from Modesto.

2) Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK. Minutes approved as read.

3) Treasurer's Report by Ken, AE6LA (see attached report).

- a) Ken provided an overview of the financial report covering transactions from September 4th through November 8th. Expenses exceeded income by \$102.65 with an ending balance of \$6,702.01;
- b) Giving a cash donation to Foothill Community Church for use of their facilities for the club picnic was discussed. Mark, N6IV, made a motion to donate \$200 which was seconded and approved. The donation includes \$50 given by TCARES, so the total from CARS will be \$150. Steve will send a letter along with donation to the church.

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 16 to 32;
- b) Guest check-ins averaged 8, with a range of 5 to 10.

5) Repeater Report presented by Ken, AE6LA.

- a) The Fowler repeater went down during one of the Monday night nets. It locked in transmit mode due to a remote base anomaly. Ken took the remote base home and has made several trips to the site in the past few months. Swapping antennas has improved repeater performance, APRS is still not working, and no work has been done on the Reba repeater upgrade;
- b) Ken is in discussions with Pascale, K6PWG, about operating the repeater controller. A new controller will be needed for the Reba repeater upgrade;
- c) Walt, K6WGY, gave his impressions on the recent repeater working group meeting. Mike, WA6ZTY, described possible configurations of the repeater upgrade. The group settled on a configuration with one radio with steerable frequencies. The group also discussed antenna configurations;
- d) Steve, W6RXK, talked to Knox La Rue about the replacement tower on Fowler Peak. Knox said he is making progress but the tower needs a top section. He is installing a second tower upon which the club's antenna will be installed. Knox also indicated he has a new antenna for the club to use along with hardline;
- e) Ken discussed linking Fowler to the Lodi repeater. The repeaters cannot be linked by UHF because the Lodi repeater's UHF was shut off due to jammers;
- f) Ken has two Kenwood TM-V71a VHF/UHF radios available for use as a remote base. Discussion

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followed on whether the club should purchase one. Mike, K6AAN, said a used TM-V71a is worth about \$350. Mike, N6AXQ, requested a block diagram of the repeater system to make an informed decision. Ken said he would send one out. In the meantime, the topic is tabled until the next meeting.

- 6) **Breakfast Report** presented by Dee, KM6ELF. Seven people attended the last breakfast, which was a disappointment to Dee as she would like to see more members attend. The Christmas Breakfast scheduled for December 2nd was discussed. Emails will be sent out to everyone to RSVP which will encourage attendance and to obtain a headcount for the restaurant.
- 7) **Web Master's Report**, report not presented due to absence of Andy, NV6V.
- 8) **Public Information Officer Report**. Presented by Mike, KB6USJ. Mike provided information on several events:
 - a) The next launch of a pico balloon will be in this area;
 - b) Dave, KB6TOU had dinner with science students at the fairgrounds which was well attended;
 - c) Mountain Oaks charter school is very grateful for the balloon project;
 - d) The KB6USJ-11 balloon is still in orbit after 169 days and 8 orbits around the globe;
 - e) Information on other topics was provided, including Veteran's Day events, commenting on the FCC's proposed changes to the 60M band plan, and the TCARES 2023 Shakeout activities.
- 9) **ARES/RACES Report**. A report provided by Sam, WS6P, was provided by Jack, W6JAK (see attached).
- 10) **Old Business**. Antenna's have been installed on the club's trailer. The wiring has been improved and reconnected.
- 11) **New Business**.
 - a) The election of officers was conducted. Ken, AE6LA, motioned to cast a white ballot for W6RXK as president, Jack, W6JAK, as secretary, and Mike, KB6USJ, as PIO. The motion was approved. The vote was conducted by show of hands and verbal affirmation. The ballot was approved. The officers as elected will serve for a two-year term;
 - b) The club picnic was well attended—there were too many to count. Everyone had a good time with lots of left-over food. For the next event, Dee, KM6ELF, suggested selling any extra food at end of the picnic. Dates for the next picnic was then discussed. A tentative date of Saturday, September 21st, 2024 was agreed upon.
- 12) **Upcoming Events**:
 - a) Mike, KB6USJ, suggested going to the ARRL website for information on upcoming special events;
 - b) Mike, K6AAN, said the Stockton amateur club is have a dinner at the Port of Stockton on December 14th, and will have a raffle. Mike also stated there are two truckloads of equipment from a silent key that is available for a donation. Contact Mike for information;
 - c) Mark, N6ARP, said the Turlock amateur club, W6BXN, is having an equipment sale.
- 13) **Adjournment**. Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 1953 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		
Transfer VE Liaison responsibilities	5/11/23	Jack, W6JAK Ken, AE6LA	Open		Deferred to Jan. 2024
Obtain signed agreement from KN6TNA	5/11/23	Steve, W6RXK	Open		
Send letter with \$200 donation to Foothill Church	11/9/23	Steve, W6RXK	Open		

List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 11/9/2023

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	Jack Luoma	Y	Mountain Ranch
NG1V	MARK Godbout	Y	Moore Hill
KN6LKL	Dennis Farr	Y	San Andreas
W6AJW	Charles E. Farr	Y	San Andreas
NGAXQ	Michael Axial	Y	Copper
KM6ELF	DEE AXIAL	Y	"
W6RXK	Steven Aivola	Y	S.A.
KG6FWT	Nancy Lamore	Y	SA
KF6OBW	AL LAMORE	Y	SA
K6PW6	Pascal Gyger	Y	Vallecito
K6WGY	Walt Gyger	Y	Vallecito
AE6LA	Ken Sanders	Y	Arnold
KD6SUN	Kristen Dugger	Y	Valley Springs
IC6PIAN	Mike Dugger	Y	Valley Springs
KB6USJ	MIKE GREVICH	Y	Copperopolis
KM6ELF	Helen Yost	Y	Vallecito
N6ARP	MARK Price	X	Camp Connell / Truckee
KN6RKY	Scott Johnson	N	Modesto

AC6CY	Lynn Bartschi	yes	Vallecito
W6ZTY	Mike FARMER	yes	Arnold

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Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report September 4, 2023 to November 8, 2023

Banking Summary

9/4/2023 through 11/8/2023

Category	9/4/2023- 11/8/2023
INCOME	
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	258.00
Event Sponsor Donations	50.00
HAT SALES	45.00
Member Donations	100.00
Membership Dues	220.54
TOTAL INCOME	673.54
EXPENSES	
Fowler Repeater Expenses	244.82
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	30.03
TriCounty BBQ	201.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	776.19
TRANSFERS	
FROM Cash Account	348.00
TO Checking	348.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	102.65

Transaction

9/4/2023 through 11/8/2023

Date	Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 9/3/2023					6,804.66
9/9/2023	Checking	KK6AGU- Martin & KK6AGD- JOANNA TEDDER		Membership Dues	35.00
9/11/2023	Checking	Ooma		Fowler Repeater Expenses	6.70
9/16/2023	Checking	FAHMIE - WA6ZTY-KJ6EFN		Membership Dues	33.81
9/16/2023	Checking	Carolyn Stinemates- W6CLS		Membership Dues	28.91
9/24/2023	Checking	Ken Sanders		[Cash Account]	348.00
9/25/2023	Checking	Steven Airola	Food	TriCounty BBQ	201.34
10/1/2023	Checking	La Rue Communications	Oct, Nov, Dec	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
10/21/2023	Checking	Ken Sanders	re-embursment approved 9	Fowler Repeater Expenses	238.12
10/23/2023	Checking	Jeff Tatum - K1G6UUF		Membership Dues	28.91
10/23/2023	Checking	Chris Wanggaard - K16LZG		Membership Dues	28.91
10/31/2023	Checking	GATEWAY PRESS	AD6AE & K16WJV	Member Badges	30.03
11/6/2023	Checking	Steven AIROLA		-Split-	200.00
9/14/2023	Cash Account	Steve Airola - W6RXX		Membership Dues	30.00
9/14/2023	Cash Account	Al Lamore - KF6OBM		Member Donations	100.00
9/24/2023	Cash Account	N6JVT - Jeffrey TOLHURST + KK6NZO + KK6NZP		-Split-	50.00
9/24/2023	Cash Account	Various		HAT SALES	30.00
9/24/2023	Cash Account	Various		EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	108.00
9/24/2023	Cash Account	Ken Sanders		[Checking]	348.00
9/4/2023 - 11/8/2023					102.65
BALANCE 11/8/2023					6,702.01
TOTAL INFLOWS					1,021.54
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					1,124.19
NET TOTAL					102.65

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 mid-mornings.

ARES

A Ham Cram was held on October 21 in West Point, hosted by West Point Fire CERT. At the end of the session there are two new Techs and one that received his license once again as the original one had expired and was cancelled. The new call signs and handles are: David – KO6BTC, Tiffany – KO6BUX and Matt – KO6BUX. If you hear them on the air please welcome them to the hobby.

I have received the new antenna and coax for replacement of the missing equipment at the West Point VFW building. I am planning to put these up in the next couple of weeks. If anyone one would like to help please contact me.

I will be holding some Elmer classes for the three new hams starting in January, it is open to any new ham operators. The classes will end with Field Day in June. Please contact me for more information on these Elmer classes.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and a very merry holiday season.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

