

## **Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)**

### **Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, January 11th, 2024, 18:30**

**Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA**

**1) Meeting called to order:**

- a) Welcome by club vice president, Dee, KM6ELF;
- b) Pledge of allegiance led by Mark, N6IV;
- c) Self-introductions by all including new members Ron, KK6QPP; Ed, KI6WIV; and Scott, KN6RKY.  
We also had a visitor from Avery, Jim, KN6YYT.

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

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

- a) Ken stated he has a sign-up sheet for new members to receive badges;
- b) A copy of the thank you letter sent to Foothill Church was presented. A donation was also sent to the church;
- c) Current signers for the club's bank account are Chuck, W6AJW, Andy, NV6V, and Mark, N6IV.  
New signers must go to Umpqua Bank with a letter from the club in order to be added as signers on the account;
- d) The club's liability insurance is due this spring to cover events we support. The liability insurance does not cover liability for the club's officers (e.g., errors and omissions);
- e) Total income since last period was \$727.37 and expenses totaled \$691.86 for a net gain of \$35.51. Ending balance in the club's account is \$6,723.34.

**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 14 to 31;
- b) Guest check-ins averaged 8, with a range of 3 to 12.

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

- a) Ken presented a photo of the Fowler site. The Fowler repeater status has not changed since the last report;
- b) The Summit and Reba repeaters are working well;
- c) Little has been done on the repeater upgrade projects. Jack, W6JAK, motioned for the club to authorize the purchase of a TM-V71a radio for a remote base, as discussed at the previous meeting. Ken had not received any feedback on the block diagram he sent out twice. The motion was seconded and approved;
- d) Ken is advising the Ebbetts Safety Net on installing a GMRS repeater. Ron, KK6QPP, stated Tuolumne County has four GMRS repeaters. Ron has established the [CalaverasCountyGMRS.com](http://CalaverasCountyGMRS.com) website to coordinate local GMRS repeaters;
- e) Lastly, Ken has been in communication with the county OES regarding the club's past involvement with animal rescue training and events and that we are willing to continue our support. Dee, KM6ELF, described her past involvement with animal rescues.

**6) Breakfast Report** presented by Nancy, KG6AWT. Nine people attended the last breakfast, with good conversations enjoyed by all. The reservation for the restaurant requires renewing.

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- 7) **Web Master's Report**, Andy, NV6V, was not present at the meeting.
- 8) **Public Information Officer Report**. Presented by Mike, KB6USJ:
- a) The website is being updated frequently with information on events and other club news. Mike encourages members to check the website for the latest information on events and activities;
  - b) The amateur balloon, KB6USJ-11, is still operational and has made several passes around the world. The balloons are very durable and reliable, and are an effective way to introduce amateur radio to STEM students.
- 9) **ARES/RACES Report**. A report provided by Sam, WS6P, was presented by Jack, W6JAK (see attached).
- 10) **Old Business**.
- a) Al, KF6OBM, is installing new paneling on the interior of the club's trailer.
  - b) Discussion on the update to the club's bylaws is deferred to a later date.
- 11) **New Business**. Kristen, KD6SUN, was asked if she had information about the ARRL secret votes, which has caused rumors. She stated that our section manager, John Litz, put out an email with a statement regarding the issue. She recommended those interested in the issue to read his email.
- 12) **Upcoming Events**:
- a) Ken has not heard anything from the organization that has sponsored the Ride and Walk for Art.
  - b) Mr. Frog's Wild Bicycle Ride is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>;
  - c) Mark, N6IV, will coordinate the Avery site location for Field Day which will occur June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>;
  - d) Mike, KB6USJ, mentioned that at last year's Arnold 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, the hams at the event used their radios for timing of the parade participants;
  - e) The Death Ride bicycle event is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>, and Ken expects to be involved along with Mike, WA6ZTY;
  - f) Mike, K6AAN, said the Lodi club is hosting a winter field day at New Hogan Reservoir on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Setup will begin at 0800 and on-air activities will start at 1100 and go until sunset. Participants are invited to a Chinese buffet after the event.
- 13) **Adjournment**. Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 1929 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	1/11/24	See minutes
Transfer VE Liaison responsibilities	5/11/23	Jack, W6JAK Ken, AE6LA	Closed	2/3/24	
Obtain signed agreement from KN6TNA	5/11/23	Steve, W6RXK	Open		
Send letter with \$200 donation to Foothill Church	11/9/23	Steve, W6RXK	Closed	1/11/24	
Renew breakfast reservation at Murphys Hotel	1/11/24	TBD	Open		

## List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting  
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 1/11/24

CALL	Name	Monitor?	QTH
WGSJAK	JACK LUOMA	Y	MAUNTIM RANCH
KM6ELF	Dave Richman	Y	Copperopolis
KKGQPP	Ron Trout	Y	Columbia
K66AWT	Nancy Lamore	Y	San Andreas
KF60RM	AL LAMORU	"	"
KN6LKH	Donna Farr	"	"
WGATJW	Chuck Farr	"	"
K6WGY	Walt Guges	"	Vallecito
NG1V	MARK GODBOUT	Y	MOKE HILL
W6ZTY	Mike Fahnestock	Y	ARNOLD
K6AAN	Mike Duggan	Yes	Valley Springs
KD6SUN	KRISTEN DUGGER	Yes	VALLEY SPRINGS
AC6CY	Lynn Bartschi	X	Angels
K6H5J	MICHAEL GREENICH	Y	Copperopolis
K16WIV	Ed Appendorf	X	Vallecito
KM6ELE	Helen Yost	Y	vallecito
N6ARP	Mark Price	Y	Camp Cannell/Torlock
KN6RRY	Seth Johnson	Y	MODESTO
AE6LH	Ka Sanders	Y	Arnold
KN6YHT	Jim Conroy	N	AVERLY

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## Treasurer's Reports

Banking Summary Calsveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report November 8, 2023 to January 7, 2024

11/8/2023 through 1/7/2024

Category	11/8/2023- 1/7/2024
<b>INCOME</b>	
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	225.00
Member Donations	115.00
Membership Dues	237.37
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>577.37</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	15.02
Repeater Expenses	26.84
TriCounty BBQ	200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>541.86</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	
FROM Cash Account	150.00
TO Checking	150.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>35.51</b>

Transaction

11/8/2023 through 1/7/2024

Date	Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 11/7/2023</b>					<b>6,687.83</b>
11/9/2023	Checking	Vine & Branch Church	Donation to site	TriCounty BBQ	200.00
11/10/2023	Checking	Ken Sanders	re-embursment	[Cash Account]	150.00
11/10/2023	Checking	Richard Manies - N6DT		Membership Dues	28.91
11/23/2023	Checking	Steven AIROLA	2 Meter Station equipment	EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	150.00
12/2/2023	Checking	NARCC Dues		Repeater Expenses	20.00
12/4/2023	Checking	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	6.84
12/13/2023	Checking	Scott Johnson - KN6RKY		Membership Dues	28.91
12/13/2023	Checking	Brett Short - N3NPD		Membership Dues	28.91
12/16/2023	Checking	Paul Gotilli - KN6YHY		Membership Dues	28.91
12/20/2023	Checking	GATEWAY PRESS, Murphys, CA	KI6LZG	Member Badges	15.02
12/23/2023	Checking	Ronnie Trout - KK6QPP		Membership Dues	28.91
12/23/2023	Checking	John Hackenkamp - W6JFA		Membership Dues	28.91
12/23/2023	Checking	David West - KO6M		Membership Dues	28.91
1/1/2024	Checking	La Rue Communications	Jan, Feb, Mar 2024	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
11/9/2023	Cash Account	Josh & Cindy Heller KM6AXJ & KM6YMA -		-Split-	50.00
11/9/2023	Cash Account	Mark Price - N6ARP		Member Donations	100.00
11/10/2023	Cash Account	Ken Sanders	re-embursment	[Checking]	150.00
12/2/2023	Cash Account	Steven AIROLA	Equipment Sale	EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	75.00
<b>11/8/2023 - 1/7/2024</b>					<b>35.51</b>
<b>BALANCE 1/7/2024</b>					<b>6,723.34</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>727.37</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>691.86</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>35.51</b>
Total Active Members: 80					
ARRL Membership: 50					
Club ARRL Percentage: 63%					

## Fowler Repeater Site





## ARES/RACES Report

### ARES / RACES:

#### RACES

I like to thank Ken & Jack for their participation in the California Emergency Service Net as Calaveras county satellite stations. There is still room for more operators to participate in the net, which are held on Monday nights and Wednesday mid-mornings, all you need it a General Class license and the ability to work on 80M and 40M and on occasions 160M.

#### ARES

The Elmer classes for new hams will start on Feb 17th, it is open to all new ham operators. The classes will be held at the West Point Veteran's Memorial Building located at 22273 Hwy 26 in West Point. The classes will end with Field Day on June 22. Please contact me for the class schedule.

The Ham Cram schedule has been set for 2024. The first will be on April 13, followed by a test only on Field Day and the last one on Oct 19. Ham Cram's are free and are held at the West Point Veteran's Memorial Building in West Point.

The antenna and coax replacement at the West Point VFW building still needs to be done. I am currently waiting for the VFW to clean out the office for our use. If anyone would like to help, please contact me.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Happy New Year.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

