

# Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

## Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, March 14th, 2024, 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 a visitor from Angels Camp, Doug, N6BU.
  
- 2) **Presentation on GMRS by Ron Trout, KK6QPP:** Ron provided an overview of GMRS usage in Tuolumne county and how it is being adopted for emergency communications by local community groups. There are several GMRS repeaters in Tuolumne county and Ken, AE6LA, is working with a community group in Arnold on the installation of a repeater in that area. Amateur radio operators are providing technical and operational expertise and are leading the efforts to establish GMRS as a communications resource available to non-licensed members of the community for use in public service and emergencies. Information on the Tuolumne county and Arnold GMRS groups is available on Facebook, and Ron maintains the calaverasgmrs.com website.
  
- 3) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded and passed.
  
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached report):
  - a) Membership dues are due June 30th;
  - b) There was a net loss of \$83.67 for the last reporting period with total income of \$240.64 and expenses of \$324.31. The largest expense was liability insurance with a \$200.00 premium.
  
- 5) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV.
  - a) The average number of member of check-ins for the past two months was 35 with a range of 27 to 42. Forty-four percent of the club checked-in;
  - b) Guest check-ins averaged 7, with a range of 3 to 10;
  - c) The January 1<sup>st</sup> net had light attendance.
  
- 6) **Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA.
  - a) Fowler repeater: The vaults were open at the site. Ken will check out the situation. Knox LaRue is planning to install the repeater antenna next week. Interference on the repeater has been caused by two sources: 1) by the push-up mast rubbing against the Connex during windy conditions and 2) by an Echolink station in Rancho Cordova identifying on the repeater frequency. Ken sent an email to the Echolink station owner who subsequently took the station off the repeater frequency.
  - b) Andy, NV6V, is working on an All-Star node at Fowler. It is turned on and connected to the Internet, but is not connected to the repeater. The plan is to connect the node to a hub in the cloud for extra security. This allows the node to be disabled remotely. The next step is to connect the node to the repeater controller.
  - c) Summit Level repeater: the system is working well. Ken and Mke, WB6ZTY, were at the site a couple of weeks ago.
  - d) The Reba repeater is still on the air. Ken tried interfacing the TM-V71a with a controller and

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found it will work. Ken will order a new controller and install it with the TM-V71a.

- 7) **Breakfast Report** presented by Lynn, AC6CY (Dee, KM6ELF, was not at the breakfast). Eight people attended the breakfast on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Murphys Hotel.
- 8) **Web Master's Report** presented by Andy, NV6V. Mike, KB6USJ, continues to keep the site up to date. Of note was information on the site about the passing of Bob Heil, K9EID.
- 9) **Public Information Officer Report.** Presented by Mike, KB6USJ:
  - a) The Ride and Walk for Art event is taking place this coming Sunday;
  - b) There are lots of contests and QSO parties, including a special event station for the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of the American Legion.
- 10) **ARES/RACES Report.** A report provided by Sam, WS6P, was presented by Jack, W6JAK (see attached).
- 11) **New Business.**
  - a) Information on Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance was presented by Jack, W6JAK, to determine if such insurance coverage is needed for the club in addition to the general liability coverage it currently maintains (see attached for comparison of D&O to general liability insurance). Given the minimal liability exposure to the club's officers from ham radio activities and also having no employees (the source of up to 95% of D&O claims), minimal financial transactions, and not owning facilities, it was concluded that D&O insurance was not needed;
  - b) An email address for the club was discussed. Currently the club's website does not show an email address for queries from the general public. Mark, N6IV, motioned to add a reflector address to the site which will forward messages to the PIO. The motion was seconded and approved. Andy, NV6V, will check into adding a reflector address to the club's contact information.
- 12) **Old Business.**
  - a) Al, KF6OBM, has spent a couple of hours working on the club's trailer. He would like to have the trailer transferred to his property to make working on it more convenient. Chuck, W6AJW, motioned to authorize purchase of new tires to make relocation of the trailer possible. The motion was seconded and approved;
  - b) Discussion on the update to the club's bylaws is deferred to the next business meeting.
- 13) **Round Table:** Mike, WB6ZTY, has used radio equipment for sale, including to VHF yagis.
- 14) **Happenings:** In addition to the list of happenings in the agenda, the following were discussed:
  - a) Steve, W6RXK, has asked the Vine and Branch church if the club could use their facility again for the club picnic in September. He has not heard back from them;
  - b) The Death Ride is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 15) **Adjournment.** Lynn, AC6CY motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 2008 hours.

## List of Action Items

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Obtain signed agreement from KN6TNA	5/11/23	Steve, W6RXK	Closed	5/7/24	Agreement not obtained
Renew breakfast reservation at Murphys Hotel	1/11/24	Dee, KM6ELF	Open		
Include a reflector email address on club's website for forwarding messages to PIO	3/14/24	Andy, NV6V	Open		
Purchase and install new tires on club's trailer	3/14/24	Al, KF6OBM	Open		
Schedule and coordinate ham licence exam session	3/14/24	Jack, W6JAK	Open		

## List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting  
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 3/14/24

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
WG6JAK	JACK LUOMA	Y	MOUNTAIN RANCH
W6LIXK	Steve Alcala	Y	San Andreas
KM6ELF	Dee Ricknia	Y	Copperopolis
NG6XQ	MICHAEL A. AXIOL	Y	COPPEROPOLIS
KN6LKV	Donna Farr	Y	San Andreas
W6ASW	Chuck Farr	Y	San Andreas
KN6RKY	Scott Johnson	Y	Modesto
N6ARP	Mark Price	Y	Camp Connell / Turlock
NV6V	ANDY THOMAS	Y	VALLEY SPRINGS
KB6QPP	Ron Trout	Y	Columbia
KB6USJ	MICHAEL <sup>GREVICH</sup>	Y	Copperopolis
W6BZTY	MIKE FANNING	Y	ARNOLD
K6GHWI	Nancy Lamore	Y	San Andreas
K6LORW	AL Lamore	Y	
NG6U	DOUG MURPHY	N	ANGELS CAMP
AC6CY	Lynn Bertschi	Y	Angels Camp
NG6IV	MARK GODDOUT	Y	MADE HILL
RE6LA	KE SALZ	yes	Arnold
KN6ELE	Helen Yost	yes	Vallecito

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# Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report January 8, to March 9, 2024

Banking Summary

1/8/2024 through 3/9/2024

Category	1/8/2024- 3/9/2024
<b>INCOME</b>	
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	125.00
Membership Dues	115.64
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>240.64</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Liability Insurance	200.00
Member Badges	33.47
Post Office Box Fee	84.00
Repeater Expenses	6.84
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>324.31</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>83.67</b>

Transaction

1/8/2024 through 3/9/2024

Date	Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 1/7/2024</b>					<b>6,716.50</b>
1/18/2024	Checking	GATEWAY PRESS		Member Badges	33.47
2/5/2024	Checking	Amr Insurance		Liability Insurance	200.00
2/9/2024	Checking	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	6.84
2/17/2024	Checking	US Postal Service- PO Box Rent, Angels Camp		Post Office Box Fee	84.00
2/17/2024	Checking	Steven AIROLA	2 Meter Station equipment	EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	125.00
2/19/2024	Checking	David Voit - WB6TOU		Membership Dues	28.91
2/19/2024	Checking	David Jones - WA6D		Membership Dues	28.91
2/19/2024	Checking	Paul Gotelli - KN6YHY		Membership Dues	28.91
2/19/2024	Checking	Michael Kitka - KN6RLJ		Membership Dues	28.91
1/8/2024 - 3/9/2024					<b>83.67</b>
<b>BALANCE 3/9/2024</b>					<b>6,632.83</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>240.64</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>324.31</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>83.67</b>

Note: Add \$75.00 Cash to attached bank statement of \$6,557.83 for 3/9 Balance above \$6,632.83

Club ARRL Percentage: 61%  
 Total Active Members: 80  
 ARRL Membership: 49

## ARES/RACES Report

### ARES / RACES:

#### RACES

All quiet on the RACES front. 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 started on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, the next one will be on Mar 16. The subject will be repeaters, Ham Lingo, ARES, RACES and Emergency Comms. The classes are 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 was set for 2024. The first change is the next Ham Cram will be on April 20. Ham Cram's are free for West Point and Wilseyville residents with a \$10 donation for all others. The VE session that follows are at no cost for anyone taking the exam. These both are held at the West Point Veteran's Memorial Building in West Point. Please contact me via email to signup: wptcert@gmail.com

The antenna and coax replacement at the West Point VFW building has been completed. The antenna checks out fine, and is available for an emergency.

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



# Comparison of General to Officers and Directors Liability Insurance



...find the answer here

## General Liability and Directors & Officers Liability — Differences and Similarities

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### *Differences*

#### **General Liability**

Covers Bodily Injury and Property  
Covers accidents only. Claims usually arise directly from operations rather than governance.

Usually Occurrence Liability  
Standardized policy wording.

#### **Directors & Officers Liability**

Always excludes Bodily Injury and Property  
Covers Wrongful Acts. Claims usually arise from governance or management decisions. Board members, management staff and the organization itself are likely to be defendants.  
Usually Claims-Made Liability.  
Non-standard policy wording.

### *Similarities*

#### **General Liability**

Covers liabilities common to all nonprofits.  
Provides broad catch-all coverage. Other liability coverages are more specific and narrower in scope.  
Includes all board members, employees and volunteers as Insureds.

#### **Directors & Officers Liability**

Same  
Same  
Same

### *Nonprofit D&O Claims Examples*

#### **Employment Practices Claims**

- Wrongful Termination
- Breach of Employment Contract
- Discriminatory Hiring Practices
- Failure to Promote
- Negligent Evaluation
- Retaliation
- Sexual Harassment
- Wrongful Discipline
- Failure to Grant Tenure
- Invasion of Privacy
- Employment Related Defamation
- Employment Related Infliction of Emotional Distress

#### **Non-employment Claims**

- Misallocation of Funds
- Breach of Fiduciary Responsibilities
- Self Dealing / Conflict of Interest
- Anti-trust or Restraint of Trade Violations
- Third Party Discrimination, Defamation, or Invasion of Privacy
- Negligent Financial Advice to Third Parties
- Failure to Maintain Insurance
- Tortious Interference with Contract
- Breach of Contract
- Failure to Accredite or Certify
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