

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, May 9th, 2024, 18:30

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

- 1) **Meeting called to order:**
 - a) Welcome by club president, Steve, W6RXX;
 - b) Pledge of allegiance led by Mark, N6IV;
 - c) Self-introductions by all.

- 2) **Presentation on linked repeaters by Mark, N6ARP:** Mark provided an informative presentation on repeater networks using analog links. The networks he covered included TCARES, CARLA, WIN System, CONDOR, Salinas Valley Repeater Group, and MCARG. His presentation will be made available on the CARS website.

- 3) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** The minutes were approved as read.

- 4) **Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached report):
 - a) Membership dues are due June 30th;
 - b) The club's account balance is \$4,436.85. The upgrade of the Mount Reba repeater was the major expense;
 - c) Rob Williams of the Calaveras Arts Council sent a thank you card for the club's support at their last event;
 - d) Equipment sales are a big source of income for the club. Contact Steve, W6RXX, to donate equipment.

- 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 24 to 41;
 - b) Guest check-ins averaged 8, with a range of 4 to 10;
 - c) This activity is similar to the previous period.

- 6) **Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA.
 - a) The Reba upgrade is nearly functional but requires tuning which must be done by Mike, WA6ZTY. The antenna will be pointed to the Hawkins repeater for the Death Ride. The repeater can be linked to the Dodge Ridge repeater for connecting to the TCARES system.
 - b) Fowler repeater: We are still waiting for Knox LaRue to finish the new tower. Knox has now said he does not have an antenna to give to the club, so we will have to obtain one. Mike, N6AXQ, asked what caused the interference during the April 29th net. Ken said it could not be determined and that it was beyond our control since it came from an external source.
 - c) Summit Level repeater: no change to the repeater status. Ken has a GMRS repeater installed at the site to support the local GMRS group. The repeater does not have an identifier;
 - d) A comms trailer has been obtain for SAR. Ken has a portable repeater which could be installed on the trailer when needed. Ken is also working on Project Life Saver with SAR which tracks people with dementia.

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- 7) **Breakfast Report** presented by Lynn, AC6CY (Dee, KM6ELF, was not at the breakfast). Only three people attended the breakfast, probably due to bad weather. Lynn encouraged people to attend the breakfast meetings.
- 8) **Web Master's Report.** Andy, NV6V, was not in attendance to provide a report.
- 9) **Public Information Officer Report.** Presented by Mike, KB6USJ:
 - a) June will be a very busy month with several special events including, Museum Ships Weekend, ARRL VHF contest, Kids Day, and Field Day;
 - b) Mike, KB6USJ, Walt, K6WGY, Mark, N6IV, and others will be conducting Field Day operations in Avery starting at 9:00 AM on the 22nd;
 - c) The KB6USJ balloon is still orbiting the globe. Next Friday will be the one year anniversary of the launch.
- 10) **ARES/RACES Report.** A report provided by Sam, WS6P, was presented by Jack, W6JAK (see attached).
- 11) **New Business.**
 - a) Steve, AE6LA, met with Knox LaRue to look at an antenna that is being donated to the club. The antenna is commercial grade but needs refurbishment. Mike, WA6ZTY, gave Steve information on three types of antennas, all being expensive. Bill Holmes has a collinear antenna he's willing to donate to the club. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that club members will drive to Bill's home in Nevada to get his antenna. Knox is planning on finishing the tower soon.
- 12) **Old Business.**
 - a) New tires were installed on the club's trailer which is now at KF6OBM's location. Al is continuing to work on the wiring;
 - b) Work on updating the bylaws are still in progress.
- 13) **Round Table:** There were no discussions.
- 14) **Happenings:** In addition to the list of happenings in the agenda, the following were discussed:
 - a) Chuck, W66AJW, will not be available to be the grillmaster at the club picnic on September 14th. Someone else will need to volunteer for the honors.
 - b) Dee, KM6ELF, volunteered to be the food coordinator at the club picnic. She will emphasize food safety. Leftover food will be auctioned off or donated at end of the event.
- 15) **Adjournment.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 2014 hours.

List of Action Items

| Action Item | Date | Assigned To | Status | Date Closed | Comments |
|--|-------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 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 | Closed | 5/8/24 | Reservation made |
| Include a reflector email address on club's website for forwarding messages to PIO | 3/14/24 | Andy, NV6V | Closed | 5/9/24 | |
| Purchase and install new tires on club's trailer | 3/14/24 | Al, KF6OBM | Closed | 5/9/24 | |
| Schedule and coordinate ham licence exam session | 3/14/24 | Jack, W6JAK | Open | | |

List of Attendees

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting Attendance

Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

Date: 5/9/24

| Call Sign | Name | QTH | Member? |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| W6JAK | Steve Lucina | MOUNTAIN RANCH | Y |
| K6BU5J | MICHAEL Greenwood | Copperopolis | X |
| K6RKY | Scott Johnson | Modesto | Y |
| N6ARP | Mark Price | Turlock | Y |
| W6RXX | Steven Alvo | San Andreas | Y |
| N6IV | MARK GODBOUT | POKE HILL | Y |
| W6CKU | Donna Farr | San Andreas | Y |
| W6AWW | Chuck Farr | San Andreas | yes |
| K6LGY | Walt Gagers | Vallecito | Y |
| K1600M | ALVIN LAWSON | San Andreas | |
| K66AW | MARY | " " | Y |
| W7LTM | Debbie | Coultonville | Y |
| K6BEIF | Doc Axiak | Copperopolis | Y |
| N6AXQ | MICHAEL AXIAK | " | Y |
| A6HA | Ken Sandline | Arnold | Y |
| K6GFL | Helen Yost | Vallecito | Y |
| A6GCY | Les Burtner | Vallecito | Y |
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Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - March 10 to May 3, 2024

Banking Summary

3/10/2024 through 5/3/2024

| Category | 3/10/2024- 5/3/2024 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | |
| HAT SALES | 10.00 |
| Member Donations | 500.00 |
| Membership Dues | 92.82 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 602.82 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Communications Trailer | 281.52 |
| Ham Repeater Service Fee | 300.00 |
| Member Badges | 33.46 |
| Printing and Reproduction | 33.40 |
| Rebs Repeater | 2,036.52 |
| Repeater Expenses | 13.90 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 2,698.80 |
| TRANSFERS | |
| FROM Cash Account | 120.00 |
| TO Checking | 120.00 |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | 0.00 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 2,093.98 |

Transaction

3/10/2024 through 5/3/2024

| Date | Account | Description | Memo | Category | Amount |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| BALANCE 3/9/2024 | | | | | 6,632.83 |
| 3/11/2024 | Checking | Ooma | | Repeater Expenses | 6.84 |
| 3/20/2024 | Checking | ARCOM | | Rebs Repeater | 450.00 |
| 3/27/2024 | Checking | GATEWAY PRESS | | Member Badges | 33.46 |
| 3/29/2024 | Checking | **VOID**Mike Fahmie | Dual Band Antenna | Rebs Repeater | 0.00 |
| 3/29/2024 | Checking | Ken Sanders | TX cash to checking | [Cash Account] | 120.00 |
| 3/29/2024 | Checking | Ken Sanders | TKR-850 & cables | Rebs Repeater | 876.71 |
| 3/29/2024 | Checking | Ken Sanders | TM-V71a Transceiver | Rebs Repeater | 330.00 |
| 3/30/2024 | Checking | Aaron Keese - KN6QBY | | Membership Dues | 28.91 |
| 4/1/2024 | Checking | La Rue Communications | Apr, May, Jun 24 | Ham Repeater Service Fee | 300.00 |
| 4/9/2024 | Checking | Ooma | | Repeater Expenses | 7.06 |
| 4/15/2024 | Checking | Mike Fahmie | Antenna Purchase | Rebs Repeater | 359.81 |
| 4/20/2024 | Checking | Mike And Teri Fahmie - WA6ZTY | Rebs Repeater | Member Donations | 500.00 |
| 4/24/2024 | Checking | Harland Clark Check Order | | Printing and Reproduction | 33.40 |
| 5/3/2024 | Checking | Al Lamore | New tires paid with PP | Communications Trailer | 281.52 |
| 5/3/2024 | Checking | Scott Johnson - KN6RKY | | Membership Dues | 28.91 |
| 3/14/2024 | Cash Account | Ron Trout | | HAT SALES | 10.00 |
| 3/14/2024 | Cash Account | Al Lamore - KF6OBM & KG6AWT | | Membership Dues | 35.00 |
| 3/29/2024 | Cash Account | Ken Sanders | TX cash to checking | [Checking] | 120.00 |
| 3/10/2024 - 5/3/2024 | | | | | 2,093.98 |
| BALANCE 5/3/2024 | | | | | 4,536.85 |
| TOTAL INFLOWS | | | | | 722.82 |
| TOTAL OUTFLOWS | | | | | 2,818.80 |
| NET TOTAL | | | | | 2,093.98 |

Total Active Members: 81
 ARRL Membership: 49
 Club ARRL Percentage: 60%

ARES/RACES Report

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RACES

All quiet on the RACES front. As a reminder that we still need to follow protocol when contacting the Calaveras OES for requests and clarification. This is the responsibility of the RACES Radio Officer. If someone is interested in taking over that position please contact me so I can make the correct notifications and changes.

ARES

The last Elmer classroom session will be this month. It will be done in two sessions. One in the morning that will cover how to solder with classroom hands-on, and a little bit of homework of building a Broadcast FM radio receiver, that will be tested at our last session. The second will be in the afternoon and it will cover how to build a Multi-Frequency HF wire antenna. The classes will end on Field Day on June 22.

The Ham Cram on April 20, produced 5 new hams, one from Altaville, one from Pioneer, one from Sutter Creek and two from West Point. The next Ham Cram and VE exam will be in October. A VE exam for Technician license only will be held during Field day on June 22 at the W6WPT field day location. For any questions please email wptcert@gmail.com

Lastly, XCA ARES would like to that John Litz, NZ6Q, for his support as San Joaquin Section Manager we wish him great success as Vice Director of the ARRL Pacific Division. In the same breath I would like to welcome Steven Hendricks, KK6JTB, as our new Section Manager.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

