

## Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

### Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, Nov. 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 Ken, AE6LA;
  - c) Self-introductions by all, including new members Marlin, N6MIV, and Natasha, K06FTY.
  
- 2) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** The minutes were approved as read upon a motion by Mark, N6IV.
  
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached report):
  - a) The banking summary showed a beginning balance of \$5,893.53 and an ending balance of \$5,296.36. Expenses exceeded income by \$597.17;
  - b) Expenses included reimbursing Steve, W6RXK, \$187.86 for picnic expenditures and a \$200 donation to Vine and Branch church for the use of their facility;
  - c) Steve stated that the Vine and Branch pastor was very appreciative of how clean we left the facility. Steve then asked for a show of hands of those who would like to have next year's picnic at Vine and Branch – most attendees approved.
  
- 4) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV.
  - a) The average number of member of check-ins for the past two months was 33 with a range of 25 to 39;
  - b) Guest check-ins averaged 7, with a range of 4 to 14;
  - c) Mike, KB6USJ, mentioned that the 40M net organized by K1VHR is averaging 10 to 12 check-ins. The net occurs Monday mornings at 9:00 AM on 7.195 MHz.
  
- 5) **Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA.
  - a) Fowler Peak repeater: Mark, N6ARP, worked with Ken on the All Star node. It is plugged into the repeater but is not operational. The repeater antenna system has poor SWR but the circulator diverts the reflected power to the dummy load. The system is working well despite the SWR issue.
  - b) Summit Level repeater: Ken, Mike, WA6ZTY, Jerry, KD6GLQ, and Mark, N6ARP, went to the site to perform maintenance. Ken fixed a problem with the audio not being transmitted by reconnecting the radio. Mike added a third battery to the backup power system. He also reset the camera that Cal Fire took down from the tower. The camera is still not working so Mike will continue to do troubleshooting. Once it is back in operation, Mike will provide the password to members for using the camera remotely.
  - c) Reba/Bear Valley repeater: Ken made three trips to the site. He removed the Kenwood repeater for Mike to work on. Mike adjusted the tuned circuit and the sensitivity improved dramatically. He also installed a pre-amp but it overloaded the receiver. Inserting a filter improved the isolation and the system is now working well. The commercial antenna is not working as well as the Diamond X-50 it replaced. The antennas will be swapped at a later date.

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- 6) **Breakfast Report** presented by Dee, KM6ELF. Thirty two people have signed up for the Christmas Breakfast at the Murphys Hotel. The breakfast will be at 10:00 AM on December 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be two other large groups at the same time. Contact Dee if you want to attend.
- 7) **Web Master's Report.** Andy, NV6V, was not present at the meeting. Mike, KB6USJ, stated he has been posting photos of recent events. Ken, AE6LA, stated the roster has been updated on the site and it can be accessed by members using the password.
- 8) **Public Information Officer Report** presented by Mike, KB6USJ. Mike mentioned the January calendar of events and that he has been considering organizing a special events station such as for the Frog Jump or Mark Twain's birthday. He also mentioned the possibility of a road trip to the KPH historical station in Bolinas, CA. Ken, AE6LA, said that the two bicycle events we usually support have been terminated. The Arnold Rim Trail run may be held again next year.
- 9) **ARES/RACES Report.** Jack, W6JAK, read the report provided by Sam, WS6P (see attached).
- 10) **New Business.** Nominations for treasurer and vice president were discussed. Current candidates are Mark, N6ARP, for treasurer and Dee, KM6ELF, for Vice President. Chuck, W6AJW, made a motion that nominations be closed and a vote be taken. The motion was approved and the vote for Dee and Mark was unanimous. Mark and Dee will begin their terms in January.
- 11) **Old Business.**
  - a) Al, KF6OBM, obtained new carpet and padding for the club trailer. He will be working the brake wiring next;
  - b) The update to the bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting. Changes have been made and Steve, W6RXK, would like to show where the changes were done. Jack, W6JAK, offered to do a document compare in Microsoft Word which will easily highlight the changes. Steve said he would send Jack the files.
- 12) **Round Table:**
  - a) A Hallicrafters HT-9 radio donated by Mike, KB6USJ, is available for purchase. Proceeds will go to the club.
  - b) The Lodi club has a packet station working on Bear Mountain. It is operating on 145.05 MHz with a node name of N6SJV-4.
  - c) Chuck made a motion for the club to send \$100 to the Lodi club as a donation for the use of their repeater. The motion was approved.
- 13) **Happenings:** See the list shown in the agenda.
- 14) **Adjournment.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 1952 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>
Write a thank you letter to Bill Holmes, K7DUY	9/12/24	Jack, W6JAK	Closed	11/14/24	

## List of Attendees

### Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting Attendance

Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

Date: 11/16/2024

Call Sign	Name	QTH	Member?
EWJTAJ	JACK LUOMA <sup>SR</sup>	MOUNTAIN RANCH	Y
K06FOV	Barry Streets	Copperopolis	N
N6AXQ	MICHAEL A. AXIAK	"	Y
KM6ELF	DEE RICHINA	"	Y
W7LTM	DERRILL COFFMAN	Cooleraville	Y
N6IV	MARK GODBOUT	MOKE HILL	Y
KW6LKL	Tonna Farr	San Andreas	Y
W6ASW	Chuck Farr	"	Y
K66LWT	Nancy Livona	SAN ANDREAS	Y
FT6OBM	AJ	SAN ANDREAS	Y
K6WGY	Walt Gyges	Vallecito	Y
-	Maya Gyges	Vallecito	N
K4YMDP	Bob Kehe	Sutter Creek	Y
KD6GLQ	Jerry Bitner	Murphys	Y
K6BFT?	Natalia Bates <sup>1ST</sup>	West Point	Y
	Aminga Bates	West Point	N
	Inshini Bates <sup>1ST</sup>	West Point	N
N6MTV	MARLEN BATES	WEST POINT	Y
R6EELE	Aelen Vost	Vallecito	Y
W6BZY	Mike Kahme	Armeds	Y
K6ARKY	Scott Johnson	Modesto	Y
N6ARP	Marks Price	Turlock	Y

# Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - September 8, 2024 - November 11, 2024

**Banking Summary**

9/8/2024 through 11/11/2024

Category	9/8/2024- 11/11/2024
<b>INCOME</b>	
HAT SALES	10.00
Member Donations	15.00
Membership Dues	259.25
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>284.25</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	85.80
Rebs Repeater	130.70
Repeater Expenses	7.06
TriCounty BBQ	357.86
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>881.42</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	
FROM Cash Account	120.00
TO Checking	120.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>597.17</b>

**Transaction**

9/8/2024 through 11/11/2024

Date	Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 9/7/2024</b>					<b>3,893.33</b>
9/9/2024	Checking	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	7.06
9/12/2024	Checking	Gerald (Jerry) Bitner & Leslie KD6GLQ		Membership Dues	33.81
9/12/2024	Checking	Marilyn & Natasha Bates N6MIV & KO6FTY		Membership Dues	33.81
9/21/2024	Checking	N6JWY - Jeffrey TOLHURST + KK6NZD + KK6NZP + KM6RFT		Membership Dues	35.00
9/21/2024	Checking	Ken Sanders	Convert Cash	[Cash Account]	75.00
10/1/2024	Checking	La Rue Communications	Oct, Nov, Dec	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
10/8/2024	Checking	Steven Airole	BBQ 2024	TriCounty BBQ	187.86
10/8/2024	Checking	Vine & Branch Fellowship	Venue Donation	TriCounty BBQ	200.00
10/18/2024	Checking	Ar2 Communications Products	P432VDG PreAmp	Rebs Repeater	130.70
10/19/2024	Checking	Ronnie Trout - K6GQP		Membership Dues	28.91
10/19/2024	Checking	Patrick Tiquet - K6PDT		Membership Dues	28.91
10/23/2024	Checking	GATEWAY PRESS		Member Badges	85.80
10/31/2024	Checking	Bryan Vyhmeister - K6GOBY		Membership Dues	33.81
11/3/2024	Checking	K6ENRB - Tim CODY ( Family )		Membership Dues	35.00
11/3/2024	Checking	Ken Sanders	Convert Cash	[Cash Account]	45.00
9/21/2024	Cash Account	Hat And Visor Sold		HAT SALES	10.00
9/21/2024	Cash Account	BBQ Food Auction		TriCounty BBQ	30.00
9/21/2024	Cash Account	Ken Sanders	Convert Cash	[Checking]	75.00
10/11/2024	Cash Account	Money Order	Steve Vargus	Membership Dues	30.00
11/3/2024	Cash Account	Money Order	Steve Vargus	Member Donations	15.00
11/3/2024	Cash Account	Ken Sanders	Convert Cash	[Checking]	45.00
<b>9/8/2024 - 11/11/2024</b>					<b>597.17</b>
<b>BALANCE 11/11/2024</b>					<b>3,296.36</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>434.25</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>1,031.42</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>597.17</b>

Active Membership Rolls All Current  
 Total Active Members: 82  
 ARRL Membership: 50  
 Club ARRL Percentage: 61%

## ARES/RACES Report

### ARES / RACES:

#### RACES

All is still quiet on the RACES front. We are active on the California Emergency Service net which is on Monday evenings and Wednesday midmorning.

#### ARES

The Ham Cram on October 19 in West Point was lightly attended, but produced two new hams in the area.

The Blue Mountain Emergency Preparedness Committee held a Winter Preparedness meeting in West Point. I gave a high level look at how ham radio can be used during a winter emergency. There were several speakers that included West Point Fire, County OES, and the Red Cross. I had a chat with OES Director Eric Holt and he shared his plans to utilize ARES in a more active role. I keep you posted on this.

At this meeting I heard rumblings of a Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators group being formed and I will look in to this a bit more.

Lastly, be sure to have your HT charged, and your updated Go Bag ready.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

