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- Meeting call to order by Clark KK6UGA at 7:05 PM.
   Board present: Clark KK6UGA, Sara KJ6SAS, Ron KD6ZXG, Tim W6TST Attending: Heatherly N6HKT, Steve W6MNL, Denise KN6UJE, Brent KG6KPD
- 2. Secretary's report: Sara KJ6SAS moved to approve October meeting minutes as posted on the website, seconded by Heatherly N6HKT, approved.
- 3. Treasurer's reports: Ron KD6ZXG. Presented the reports attached. Tim W6TST motioned to approve the Treasurer's Reports, Heatherly N6HKT seconded, approved.
- 4. Current Business: updates, if any
  - a. Communications Trailer: Tim W6TST. Balance of budgeted funds: adding an antenna to the roof, more bungie cords. a step ladder, an additional monitor to help display status away from the operators at the desk. Also, an extension cord, safety cones and tape. More trailer accessories such as a leveler, steps and a cabinet. Cost about \$1200. OES is planning a community fair in the spring and might highlight the coms trailer.
  - b. Hernandez Valley, Bear Valley repeaters Ron KD6ZXG. The link from Hernandez is not consistent. The weak point might be at Bear Valley (connection from Park Hill to Bear Valley is poor). Ron would like to try rerouting Hernandez to Bear Valley to Call Mountain to Park Hill. He would like to start on this phase in January perhaps unitizing OES funds for the needed equipment if possible. Ron requested to roll over the \$1500 in the current budget to the 2023 budget for this work. He also asked for any leads on a used UHF duplexer.
  - c. Hazel Hawkins Hospital project Clark KK6UGA spoke with a hospital emergency response representative but has not heard back with details. He will identify a spot outside the hospital building to install a high antenna. Ron suggested installing it where the hospital has already identified its emergency set-up site.
  - d. San Juan Canyon radio coverage Clark KK6UGA, no updates. He will attend the next Fire Safe Council meeting to discuss improving radio coverage.

#### 5. Ongoing Business:

a. Recruitment - Clark KK6UGA reported that there were sign ups at the fair for information about license testing. Tim W6TST noted that planned OES fair in the spring would be a good opportunity to recruit. Clark also reported that the Vet's building can accommodate VE testing in upstairs rooms. Heatherly N6HKT reported that the Sheriff's Office will also be available.

b. N6SBC Net Control: November Ron KD6ZXG

December Brent KG6KPD (Tim W6TST back up)

January TBD

- c. HF Night Jack W6KRK (not able to make the Tuesday meetings), no report.
- d. Ham License Testing Heatherly N6HKT
  - i. Nov 4, remote online testing
  - ii. Nov 12, VE ham cram and testing in person at the Epicenter. Heatherly will be using the 13 Kindles that were recently purchased with a grant from the CFSBC. She demonstrated how the digital testing taking, session management and VE grading functions.
  - iii. Nov 14 Tech class in Santa Cruz, possible remote testing afterwards
- e. AREDN no updates, placeholder

#### 6. New Business:

a. SBCARA Name tags, Tim W6TST has ordered another set of 4, possible delivery at the party.

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- b. VARA licenses: Tim W6TST reported that he is 1-2 signups short of group purchasing. Clark KK6UGA expressed an interest, noting the benefits of sending and receiving emails without servers.
- c. Elections for 2023 SBCARA Board of Directors nominations submitted:

President: Billy W6WKB

Secretary: Clark KK6UGA (declined)

Sara KJ6SAS (incumbent)

Treasurer: Ron KD6ZXG

Quartermaster: Heatherly N6HKT

Sara KJ6SAS will send out a nominations email – open for 1 more week. Paid members of at least one full year are eligible for offices.

- d. Holiday party: Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. at the Pizza Factory in San Juan Bautista. RSVP request for headcount. \$400 budgeted. Heatherly N6HKT and Sara KJ6SAS will coordinate door prizes and party favors.
- 7. Past Events: Oct 14-16 Pacificon San Ramon <a href="http://pacificon.org">http://pacificon.org</a> Tim W6TST reported that there were 10 SBCARA members present and very informative presentations heard.
  - a. Oct 20, 10:20 am California shakeout Drill
    - i. Sara KJ6SAS reported on participation. Tim noted that there were 28 students, 4 adults (administrators), 14 ham radio operators, total 46 reported to ARRL.
    - ii. Sara submitted a 1-page article about the event on request from the Community Foundation for SBC seeking social media posts about use of their grant funding.
    - iii. NOTE: On Oct 25 there was a real 5.1 earthquake near San Jose and Tim W6TST reported 11 check ins on N6SBC.
  - b. Oct 25 Forum Ron KD6ZXG, OES radio equipment at the DOC and Pelican case radio. Tim W6TST has posted the forum on the website.
- 8. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Nov 29, 7 pm Ham 101 Emergency Communications. Tim W6TST at the DOC and Zoom
  - b. April 20 23 Sea Otter Classic: Back country event expanded and Carmel Valley Route cancelled.
- 9. ARES/RACES/SHARES Tim W6TST reported on SHARES grant approved; vote on spending will occur Nov 22. RACES jackets with ID patches in progress. In 2023 OES will be using significantly more digital radio for emergency communications.
- 10. Other:
  - a. Weekly N6SBC nets Clark suggested adding digital check-in with WinLink/VARA forms. Tim will look into it.
  - b. Tim requested SBCARA/ARES/RACES volunteer hours. We are currently over 2,823+ hours!!
  - c. No regular December meeting. Sara KJ6SAS will send out a special party invite.
- 11. Adjourn

Attachments: Treasurer reports

ShakeOut Drill article for the Community Foundation

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SBCARA ACCOUNT BALANCES	A	San Berito Counts
As of October 30, 2022	Radio Comr	munications for Everyday or Emergency U
Chase checking: General Fund	\$	3,280.50
Chase checking: Repeater Depreciation Fund	\$	3,718.26
Chase savings account	\$	14,728.36
Total	\$	21,727.12
Previous monthly balances		
December 31, 2021	\$	20,246.03
Feburary 2, 2022	\$	19,117.40
March 7, 2022	\$	19,836.55
April 11, 2022	\$	19,933.23
May 10, 2022	\$	22,552.59
June 6, 2022	\$	21,640.40
July 8, 2022	\$	21,863.65
September 1, 2022	\$	22,168.02
October 1, 2022	\$	20,569.41

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# San Benito County Amateur Radio Association Budget vs. Actual 2022

January 1 through October 30, 2022

_	Jan 1 - Oct 30, 22	Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense Income			
ARES/RACES Reimbursements Donations	0.00	200.00	
Donation - Amazon Smile	77.20	100.00	
Donation - Corporate/Employee	1,158.33	2,000.00	
Donation - General	635.53	500.00	
Donation - Holiday Party	0.00	200.00	
Total Donations	1,871.06	2,800.00	
Grants			
Grant - Community Foundation	2,775.00	3,500.00	
Grant - IBM	500.00	500.00	
Grant - Other	2,300.00	1,750.00	
Total Grants	5,575.00	5,750.00	
Interest	0.33	0.00	
Membership Dues	514.18	600.00	
Other Income	48.91	0.00	
SBCARA Clothing Purchase	67.90	100.00	
VE Testing Fees	1,570.08	1,500.00	
Total Income	9,647.46	10,950.00	
Expense			
Administrative Budget			
ARES/RACES	0.00	200.00	
Club Promotion Expense	713.17	700.00	
Dues			
NARCC Dues		20.00	
Total Dues	20.00	20.00	
Holiday Party Insurance	100.00	400.00	
Insurance - Equipment	168.18	200.00	
Insurance - Liability	300.00	200.00	
Insurance - Trailer	0.00	200.00	
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Total Insurance	468.18	600.00	
Office Expense	39.10	50.00	
VE Testing Expense	908.62	1,000.00	
Website Expense	1,676.06	1,650.00	
Total Administrative Budget	3,925.13	4,620.00	
DOC Expenses Repairs and Maintenance	1.52	150.00	
Total DOC Expenses	1.52	150.00	
Equipment Budget			
Hernandez & Bear Val repeaters	0.00	1,500.00	
HF Radio	988.02	1,500.00	
Misc Equipment Items	0.00	200.00	
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Total Equipment Budget	988.02	3,200.00	
SBCARA Clothing Expense	35.00	0.00	

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Special Projects			
APRS/Weather Station	0.00	200.00	
ARDEN	0.00	100.00	
High School Radio Project	0.00	2,500.00	
License testing equipment	1,939.38	2,775.00	
Rural School Project	0.00	1,000.00	
Sea Otter	135.62	200.00	
Trailer	1,241.70	2,500.00	
Total Special Projects	3,316.70	9,275.00	
Total Expense	8,266.37	17,245.00	
Net Ordinary Income	1,381.09	-6,295.00	
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9:26 AM October 31, 2022 Cash Basis

## San Benito County Amateur Radio Association Summary of Income & Expense Detail

October 2 - 30, 2022

Туре	Date	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance	
Ordinary Income/Expense Income Donations Donation - General			-		Donation in appreciation for Tim and Heatherly's educational support		
Deposit	10/27/2022	PayPal	Deposit		489.56	489.56	
Total Donation - Ger	eral			0.00	489.56	489.56	
Total Donations				0.00	489.56	489.56	
Grants Grant - Community Deposit	Foundation 10/26/2022	Community Foundation f	License testing equipment		2,775.00	2,775.00	
Total Grant - Commu	inity Foundation			0.00	2,775.00	2,775.00	
Total Grants				0.00	2,775.00	2,775.00	
VE Testing Fees Deposit	10/27/2022	PayPal	Deposit		96.45	96.45	
Total VE Testing Fees				0.00	96.45	96.45	
Total Income				0.00	3,361.01	3,361.01	
Expense Administrative Budge Club Promotion Ex	pense						
Check	10/25/2022	Heatherly Takeuchi	Reimbursement lights for fair	98.30		98.30	
Total Club Promotion	ı Expense			98.30	0.00	98.30	
Holiday Party Check	10/12/2022	Pizza Factory	Deposit	100.00		100.00	
Total Holiday Party				100.00	0.00	100.00	
Office Expense Check	10/27/2022	Walmart	New checks	14.10		14.10	
Total Office Expense				14.10	0.00	14.10	
VE Testing Expense Check	e 10/10/2022	Community Foundation f	Rent Aug 13	50.00		50.00	
Total VE Testing Exp	ense			50.00	0.00	50.00	
Total Administrative Bu	dget			262.40	0.00	262.40	

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DOC Expenses						
Repairs and Mai Check	ntenance 10/05/2022	Ace Hardware	Light quitab	1.52		1.52
Check	10/05/2022	Ace nardware	Light switch	1.52		1.52
Total Repairs and	l Maintenance			1.52	0.00	1.52
Total DOC Expense	s			1.52	0.00	1.52
Special Projects License testing	equinment					
Check	10/14/2022	Amazon	Tablets	675.45		675.45
Check	10/18/2022	Amazon	Storeage case	58.45		733.90
Check	10/25/2022	Heatherly Takeuchi	Reimbursement Tablets	1,080.72		1,814.62
Check	10/29/2022	Amazon	Tablet charger	48.06		1,862.68
Check	10/30/2022	Fully Factory	Tablet software	76.70		1,939.38
Total License tes	ting equipment			1,939.38	0.00	1,939.38
Total Special Projec	ts			1,939.38	0.00	1,939.38
Total Expense				2,203.30	0.00	2,203.30
et Ordinary Income				2,203.30	3,361.01	1,157.71
Income				2,203.30	3,361.01	1,157.71

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San Benito County Amateur Radio Association 2022 California ShakeOut Drill

Sara Steiner KJ6SAS

On October 20<sup>th</sup> the San Benito County Amateur Radio Association (SBCARA) along with several of our rural schools joined in the California Shake Out Drill, an international event for millions of people worldwide practicing earthquake safety at work, school and home.

At 10:20 AM SBCARA, led by Tim Takeuchi W6TST, held an amateur radio net or call-in for licensed amateur radio operators, on its local N6SBC repeater frequency. For the emergency earthquake drill we invited our San Benito County rural schools to participate.

The benefit of amateur radio is the ability to communicate to individuals as well as groups on designated frequencies, over large distances (ie. almost all of San Benito County and locations beyond), without external power. The role of amateur radio operators in emergency communications is recognized by our partnership with the county Office of Emergency Services. And in part with grant support from the Community Foundation of San Benito County (2020, 2021), SBCARA has been able to expand its N6SBC repeater coverage to much of south county, and complete its goal of installing amateur radios in all five rural schools.

After the students performed their earthquake preparedness practice they were invited to check-in on the net. It was especially exciting for them to clearly hear classmates at schools many miles away, reporting their name and practicing the Modified Mercalli (Mike Mike) scale of earthquake damage.

Many thanks to participating SBCARA amateur radio operators, school administrators and students at Cienega, Willow Grove, Panoche and Jefferson Elementary Schools!



Sara KJ6SAS joins students at Willow Grove Elementary School



Clark KK6UGA invites a student to learn about the radio