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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 N6HKTSara 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 9th, 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 - <http://pacificon.org> 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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ACCOUNT BALANCES

As of October 30, 2022



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

<i>December 31, 2021</i>	\$	20,246.03
<i>February 2, 2022</i>	\$	19,117.40
<i>March 7, 2022</i>	\$	19,836.55
<i>April 11, 2022</i>	\$	19,933.23
<i>May 10, 2022</i>	\$	22,552.59
<i>June 6, 2022</i>	\$	21,640.40
<i>July 8, 2022</i>	\$	21,863.65
<i>September 1, 2022</i>	\$	22,168.02
<i>October 1, 2022</i>	\$	20,569.41

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Budget vs. Actual 2022
January 1 through October 30, 2022

	Jan 1 - Oct 30, 22	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
ARES/RACES Reimbursements	0.00	200.00
Donations		
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	20.00
Total Dues	20.00	20.00
Holiday Party	100.00	400.00
Insurance		
Insurance - Equipment	168.18	200.00
Insurance - Liability	300.00	200.00
Insurance - Trailer	0.00	200.00
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
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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Cash Basis

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Summary of Income & Expense Detail
 October 2 - 30, 2022

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Donations						
Donation - General						
Deposit	10/27/2022	PayPal	Deposit		489.56	489.56
Total Donation - General				0.00	489.56	489.56
Total Donations				0.00	489.56	489.56
Grants						
Grant - Community Foundation						
Deposit	10/26/2022	Community Foundation f...	License testing equipment		2,775.00	2,775.00
Total Grant - Community 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 Budget						
Club Promotion Expense						
Check	10/25/2022	Heatherly Takeuchi	Reimbursement lights for fair	98.30		98.30
Total Club Promotion 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	10/10/2022	Community Foundation f...	Rent Aug 13	50.00		50.00
Total VE Testing Expense				50.00	0.00	50.00
Total Administrative Budget				262.40	0.00	262.40

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DOC Expenses						
Repairs and Maintenance						
Check	10/05/2022	Ace Hardware	Light switch	1.52		1.52
Total Repairs and Maintenance				1.52	0.00	1.52
Total DOC Expenses				1.52	0.00	1.52
Special Projects						
License testing equipment						
Check	10/14/2022	Amazon	Tablets	675.45		675.45
Check	10/18/2022	Amazon	Storage 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 testing equipment				1,939.38	0.00	1,939.38
Total Special Projects				1,939.38	0.00	1,939.38
Total Expense				2,203.30	0.00	2,203.30
Net Ordinary Income				2,203.30	3,361.01	1,157.71
Net Income				2,203.30	3,361.01	1,157.71

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2022 California ShakeOut Drill

Sara Steiner KJ6SAS

On October 20th 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