

**San Benito County Amateur Radio Association**  
**San Benito County ACS/RACES**

3226 Southside Road, Hollister & Zoom Meeting

Agenda

1900 Tuesday, May 2, 2023

1. Meeting call to order by Ron, the club Treasurer at 1906 hours.  
Board members present: Heatherly N6HKT/Secretary, Timothy W6TST/Advisory Chair, Ron KD6ZXG/Treasurer, Mel KK6MES/Quartermaster  
Attendings: Denise Cato KN6UJE
2. Secretary's Report: Heatherly N6HKT. Approval of April meeting minutes: moved by Tim, seconded by Mel. Passed by a voice vote of members.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ron KD6ZXG
  - a. Review and approval of Treasurer's Report. Approved by Tim, seconded by Heatherly. Passed by a voice vote of members.
  - b. 2023 SBCARA audit – Jack W6KRK, and Denise Cato performed the audit. They finished on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Denise commented that Ron's books were very organized.
  - c. Equipment Insurance – Ron and Mel. List of items to be insured due the end of May. Insurance is \$1.40/\$100 of value. Mel didn't know whether we insured the canopy but since it is only worth \$600, he is okay if we don't insure it.
    - i. Equipment barcodes/QR codes: Mel KK6MES. He sent away for some samples of the tags and they look like they will work: not too small, readable. It's a barcode with our club's name and website. Maybe we can have a landing page with contact info of how to return lost items. Ron doesn't want the labels to be too busy. 500 labels for \$0.94 each with database. Tim moved to augment the Miscellaneous Equipment Item budget by an additional \$500 and authorize Mel to buy the labels. Moved by Tim, seconded by Heatherly. Passed by a voice vote.
  - d. NARCC – Northern California Spectrum Working Group. HELP WANTED. Jack W6KRK or Ron can put you in touch with them. They want to re-band the 144-145 band for narrow banding.

#### 4. Ongoing Business:

- a. N6SBC Net Control: May – Billy  
June – Heatherly  
July – ??
- b. Ham License Testing/VE report Heatherly N6HKT
  - i. Upcoming testing sessions: May 13<sup>th</sup> Ham Cram in person in Hollister.
  - ii. VE Logo – Heatherly put in a grant with Waltz Creative in SJB. It was approved a couple of weeks ago. They will call Heatherly in a few weeks to start the design process.

#### 5. Project Updates:

- a. Comms Trailer W6TST. May need to put an additional solar panel on the trailer but it worked great at Sea Otter this year. Normally Tim has a long list of what he needs to take to the Otter, but this year it was all in the trailer. We are looking for a small heater to have in the trailer. 57F was a little cold on Sunday morning. George found a small propane heater that might fit the bill.
- b. Repeater upgrade (Bear Valley). Ron was going to take it down this weekend, but with the rain today he is not sure. It is much better to bring it down and work on a bench than work on it in the field.

#### 6. ARES/RACES/SHARES – Tim W6TST

- a. SBCARA Forums – no one showed last month. Not sure if there is still interest in Winlink. Mel may want to set up an RMS gateway. Tim said that could be project. It will need a PACTOR modem. We have one, but have not used it.
- b. SHARES – email coming soon.

#### 7. Past Events

- a. Sea Otter Classic April 20-23: Tim W6TST. (Has already seen the plans for next year! It never ends.) Talking with organizers to improve using comments from all operators (water stations on map, etc.). Another take-away was what can be done about the long hours out on the course for those last riders.

#### 8. New Business/New Events

- a. Golder Eagle – 05/18/2023 – still in the planning phase. Some people here and some in another location acting as Hazel Hawking Hospital.
- b. Field Day – 6/24-25/2023 – HELP WANTED to plan it here or a remote location. Talk to Tim if you want to help? K-Mart or Target?

Noisy and hard to hear while operating. Ron suggested Park Hill. Denise suggested Brigantino Park? Heatherly will call and see if either of these two locations are available to reserve.

9. Other:

- a. Communications? Emails? How many are too many? Mel liked the calendar. Perhaps send the Zoom link with it. Tim will put it on the website that the link is in HamClubOnline.

10. Adjourn: Moved by Mel and seconded by Tim. Ron adjourned the meeting at 2015.