

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association  
3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023 and online Zoom  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 7pm  
Meeting Agenda, Reports

1. Meeting call to order by Sara KJ6SAS. Members present: Sara, Ron, Tim, Mel, Heatherly, George, Tony, Billy

#### BUSINESS

2. Secretary's Report: Heatherly N6HKT. Approve September meeting minutes. Moved by Sara, 2nded by Mel. Make sure that HCO has the Treasurer's reports with Minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ron KD6ZXG.
  - a. Review and approve Treasurer's Reports
  - b. Review and vote on budget revision to cover logo-wear: Mel KK6MES  
Purchase \$1425 Mel is adjusting the mix of which sizes to order and no "ladies" shirts, unisex only. It was moved and 2nded to approve \$1425 for Mel to purchase apparel.
4. Quartermaster Report: Mel KK6MES – He was thinking of taking the last few things to the dump on a special eWaste day. Sara contacted a company and they wanted \$700 to take it. Tony goes to Monterey and they take different things. Perhaps they would take some of the stuff. Tony mentioned that metal processing is like smelting gold: complicated.  
Mel is just about ready to start tagging everything. He will need Tim's help
5. ARES/RACES news and updates: Tim W6TST
  - a. met with OES Kris Mangano, Emergency Services Manager and Madison Mitchell, Staff Analyst – We have a meeting for RACES tomorrow night here for the SBC Forum, at 1900, with Kris Mangano.

#### PROJECTS

6. N6SBC Repeater, upgrades and maintenance: Ron KD6ZXG
  - a. UHF link radio for Call Mountain (OES funding). Ron ordered two link radios. We will need a link channel to make it work. Park Hill to Call Mt, then to Bear Valley, then to Hernandez Valley. We still have a GM 300 (very old) and the programming software runs on MS-DOS! There are some backups but we should order some new equipment while we have some money coming in.  
Mark Walker KM6FLM said he would be available to help diagnose the issues.  
Ron ordered a duplexer to use for a pass rejector for \$300 (already tuned). We should be able to put it up in November, as long as the weather is dry.
7. San Juan Canyon (SJC) Communications Support: Mel KK6MES, GMRS repeater.  
Tony and Mel are working on comms support for SJC. They have tried three different locations in the canyon so far. Quarry Canyon has good straight-line visibility to much of the canyon. Quarry Peak (elevation 1800') is not a possibility, but we may be fine near there with 3W or 5W. The next step is to buy a second GMRS repeater. The repeaters are small enough to hike in with.  
Sara suggested that Tony wait until he has specifics before bringing the details to OES manager, Kris Mangano. Mel said there is already \$500 in the budget for repeater for SJC. Tony said order two today and he will pay for one of them. Tony mentioned perhaps order several 15-25W mobile units. Tony even located a 50' crank-up mast.

#### EVENTS

8. Past Events
  - a. Sept 16, OES Preparedness Fair  
Tim reported that we met a bunch of people including some hams that we did not know before.
  - b. Sept 19, SBCARA Forum, Ham 101
  - c. Sept 28-Oct 1, San Benito County Fair  
A bunch of inactive hams came by our booth at the fair. We have some people added to HCO.  
Tim said it was a good "shake-out" for the trailer. We are pushing the power needs and need to address the issue. We know some things that don't work.  
Good news, Tom B at Hollister RV is becoming a dealer for Zamp Solar (the type of panels we have on our trailer currently). Perhaps we need to add more panels.

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All the kids liked the stamp for their stamp cards. They also liked the coloring pages and crayons. We ran out of crayons (300 sets) on Thursday. We had only a couple of coloring pages left on Sunday. Heatherly is emailing all the "interested parties" and inviting them to the Ham Cram on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. To help increase membership, Sara is going to go through QRZ and send people in XBE notes/emails and invite them to the holiday party.

9. Upcoming events:

- a. Oct 4, SBCARA Forum – Kris Mangano at DOC at 1900. Q/A discussion session to get to know each other better.
- b. Oct 4 at 1120 FEMA is running a test.
- c. Oct 7-8, Simulated Emergency Test (SET), check on sbcara.org
- d. Oct 7-8, California QSO, check on sbcara.org
- e. Oct 11-17, W1AW/6 Newington ARRL in CA, not sure if it will happen.
- f. Oct 19, 10:19, California ShakeOut Drill/Net, rural schools volunteers needed. Sara has done presentations about radios at these schools: Cienega (Mel), Panoche (Clark), Bitterwater -Tulley (Sara). Jefferson (Liz Volmer). Willow Grove (Tony).
- g. Oct 20 - 22, Pacificon, San Ramon Marriott
- h. Nov 4, VE Ham Cram/License Testing, Hollister at the Community Foundation Epicenter.

OTHER

10. Holiday Party: Sara KJ6SAS, Heatherly N6HKT. Pizza Factory, Friday, Dec 8 at 1830?
11. Elections for 2024 SBCARA Board of Directors - nominations open. Nominees by Nov meeting. There is no other meeting in December. December 5<sup>th</sup> will be a Board meeting to talk about budget. Mel will be Net control for November  
Tony in December
12. Adjourn. Mel motioned to adjourn, Tony 2nded. 2020.

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**SBCARA**  
**ACCOUNT BALANCES**  
**As of September 30, 2023**



Chase checking: General Fund	\$ 3,693.32
Chase checking: Depreciation Fund	\$ 4,718.26
Chase savings account	\$ 14,729.80
PayPal account	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,141.38</b>

*Previous monthly balances*

<i>September 1, 2022</i>	\$ 22,168.02
<i>October 1, 2022</i>	\$ 20,569.41
<i>October 30, 2022</i>	\$ 21,727.12
<i>November 30, 2022</i>	\$ 21,920.67
<i>December 31, 2022</i>	\$ 22,712.77
<i>January 31, 2023</i>	\$ 21,284.33
<i>February 28, 2023</i>	\$ 21,041.27
<i>March 31, 2023</i>	\$ 20,896.66
<i>April 30, 2023</i>	\$ 20,950.54
<i>May 31, 2023</i>	\$ 22,696.77
<i>August 3, 2023</i>	\$ 24,057.89
<i>August 28, 2023</i>	\$ 23,593.38

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**Club promotion expenses - KJ6SAS**

Item	Count	Cost	
Baofeng HT	2 ea	\$ 58.44	
Canopy weight bags	4 ea	\$ 25.46	
ARRL General manual	1 ea	\$ 32.11	
ARRL Technician manual	1 ea	\$ 32.11	
crayons	300 pks	\$ 39.32	
SBCARA stamp	1 ea	\$ 29.48	
coloring sheet printing	200 ea	donated	\$ 30.58
coloring sheets printing	500 ea	\$ 106.52	
coloring sheet artwork	1 ea	\$ 80.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 403.44</b>	

**Logo wear proposal - KK6MES**

T-Shirts, S/S, Mens

Ash Gray  
 (18) S-XL = \$117.00  
 (2) 2XL = \$20.00  
 (2) 3XL = \$26.00

T-Shirts, L/S, Mens

(18) S-XL = \$216.00  
 (2) 2XL = \$28.00  
 (2) 3XL = \$36.00

T-Shirts, S/S, Ladies

(8) X-XL = \$80.00

Screen Printing 52 garments

Front: Left Chest  
 Back: Full Back  
 52 @ \$7.10 = \$369.00  
 Screens: 6 @ \$15.00 = \$90.00

Hats

(Includes Embroidery on front of hat)  
 Silver  
 24 = \$322.00

Sizes and quantity breakdown.

Short Sleeve Mens

2S  
 4M  
 8L  
 4XL  
 2 2XL  
 2 3XL

Long Sleeve Mens

2S  
 4M  
 8L  
 4XL  
 2 2XL  
 2 3XL

Short Sleeve Womens

2 M  
 4 L  
 2 XL

Sub-Total = \$1304.00

Tax = 121.00

Shipping = 0.00

**Total \$1425.00**