

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association
3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023
March 5, 2024, 7pm
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting call to order by Sara Steiner(KJ6SAS) club President. 19:04.
Attendees: Tim Takeuchi(W6TST), George Hunt(N6GWH), Dave Hitch(KO6AVA), Aimee Franklin(KO6DLR), Benson Wong(K6BEN), Mike Okubo(N6MKO), Dave Fears(KD6LSH), Mario (N7YMZ), Mel Tolentino(KK6MES), Ron Ross(KD6ZXG).

BUSINESS

2. Secretary's Report: Heatherly N6HKT. Approve February meeting minutes. Moved by Mel, seconded by Dave Hitch to accept the February Minutes. Passed by voice vote of the members present.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ron KD6ZXG (new format, reports distributed and highlights presented)
 - a. Review and approve Treasurer's Reports. It was moved by Mel and seconded by Heatherly to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed by voice vote of the members present.
 - b. OES funded purchases, expensed and planned
 - c. IBM grant update – This year, IBM increased their grant for volunteer to \$1000 this year.
 - d. Budget - event refreshments expenses. We had a discussion on how to fund refreshments. It was proposed to amend the 2024 budget for \$250 total for SBCARA work related events. Moved by Mel and seconded by Heatherly. Passed by voice vote of the members present.
 - e. Audit – we need two, non-board members to do another audit this year.
4. Quartermaster Report: Mel KK6MES
 - a. Tagging equipment. Asset Tiger software, Asset Tag labels. We planned to have a tagging day, but it didn't happen. It is rescheduled for April 2nd, 6:00 pm, an hour before the next meeting.
 - b. Mel has a Ham Clock working. He explained how it works. He proposes that we install it on the wall near the radio stations.
 - c. DOC upgrades. No other updates at this time.
5. ARES/RACES news and updates: Tim W6TST.
 - a. We are working on batteries for the Hernandez Valley repeater. The current batteries have been charged below freezing which may have damaged them. We will put the new batteries out there and put the old batteries in the trailer where they will be protected from freezing.
 - b. We all received tornado warnings over the weekend.
 - c. We have started our SHARES check ins on Wednesday mornings. They are non-amateur radio frequencies but are near our frequencies. However, we can send encrypted over this radio. It has WINLINK, VARA, and PACTOR also. We are working on those licenses.
6. Net Control:

March – Sara KJ6SAS	May – Mel KK6MES
April – Billy W6WKB	June – Heatherly N6HKT
July –	

PROJECTS -

7. N6SBC Repeater, upgrades and maintenance. Ron KD6ZXG, updates, if any. No updates at this time.
8. San Juan Canyon (SJC) Communications Support. Mel KK6MES, GMRS updates, if any. Plan to have a class at Pioneer Park in SJC. Mel is working with Tony to set a date for the class.
9. SBCARA club engagement. Billy
 - a. SBCARA sponsored testing, licensing – we have gone back and forth on this. Perhaps we need an ad hoc committee to come up with a proposal that will work and bring it back to the group. Ron, Tim and Heatherly will take this on.
 - b. Workshops, tutorials: Tim feels there are two hurdles to people getting their license and on the air: 1. Getting through CORES/ULS, and 2. Programming a new radio. He proposes we have a series of training sessions on Zoom or in person where we walk people through CORES/ULS or how to program their radio and get them on the air.

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- c. Maybe “Ham Help” needs a better place on the website? Sara said she would be the mail distributor and direct emails to Mel, Heatherly, or Jack. Sort the emails coming in and then pass them on to someone else. Tim will set up a webpage for Ham Help.
- d. OES funds to cover county fair club engagement giveaways (We have a \$75 check from OES that we can use for Fair expenses 2024). Ask for \$400 cover copying and crayons. (\$323 last year) and National Night Out. We ran out of crayons on Friday late afternoon and coloring pages on Sunday morning.

EVENTS

11. Past Events:

- a. Feb 10, VE Ham Cram and Exam session. We had a great session; all of the class attendees passed the test! One of the was even in attendance.
- b. Feb 13, SBCARA Forum. Tim Ham 101

12. Upcoming events:

- a. April 18 - 21, Sea Otter Classic. Tim We had a conference call this morning. Attendance is looking good. Enduro will sell out like usual. He can still use a few more volunteers, especially on Friday and Sunday.
- b. Field Day Fourth weekend in June: June 22-23rd – Cienega school
- c. July 13th DOC Cleaning and BBQ
- d. NNO – August 6th.
- e. San Benito County Fair Oct 4-6th.

OTHER

- 13. ARRL National Traffic System. NTS 2.0 subcommittee. Tim. We don’t have in the county. The ARRL is relaunching it. Sending health and wellness calls.
- 14. FOR FREE: Solar panels - 24, Siemens 100SR (2001), available soon. Sara

Adjourn. Mel moved to adjourn. Tim seconded the motion. Sara adjourned the meeting at 2015.

Attachments:

Treasure's Reports, submitted by Ron - Budget vs Actuals, Transaction Details, Bank Balance

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Income & Expense Detail
 February 1 to February 29, 2024

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Donations						
Donation - Corporate/Employee						
02/28/2024			IBM		50.00	50.00
Total Donation - Corporate/Employee				0.00	50.00	50.00
Donation - General						
02/20/2024			Deposit		170.00	170.00
02/29/2024		PayPal	Deposit		6.78	176.78
Total Donation - General				0.00	176.78	176.78
Total Donations				0.00	226.78	226.78
Interest						
02/29/2024			Deposit		0.12	0.12
Total Interest				0.00	0.12	0.12
Membership Dues						
02/20/2024			Deposit		30.00	30.00
02/29/2024			Deposit		20.00	50.00
Total Membership Dues				0.00	50.00	50.00
SBCARA Clothing Purchase						
02/29/2024		PayPal	Badge		7.73	7.73
Total SBCARA Clothing Purchase				0.00	7.73	7.73
VE Testing Fees						
02/29/2024			Cash and checks		88.00	88.00
02/29/2024		PayPal	Deposit		229.25	317.25
Total VE Testing Fees				0.00	317.25	317.25
Total Income				0.00	601.88	601.88
Expense						
Administrative Budget						
Office Expense						
02/14/2024	443	Dept of Justice	Non Profit filing form RRF-1	25.00		25.00
Total Office Expense				25.00	0.00	25.00

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VE Testing Expense						
02/08/2024	DEBIT	Postal Graphics	Copies	66.44		66.44
02/09/2024	DEBIT	Target		3.04		69.48
02/09/2024	DEBIT	Nob Hill		33.20		102.68
02/12/2024	DEBIT	Spudnuts		36.90		139.58
02/20/2024	DEBIT	W5YI		133.00		272.58
02/20/2024	DEBIT	W5YI		7.00		279.58
Total VE Testing Expense				279.58	0.00	279.58
Total Administrative Budget				304.58	0.00	304.58
Equipment Budget						
Trailer Equipment						
02/02/2024	DEBIT	Amazon	WiFi antenna	38.23		38.23
Total Trailer Equipment				38.23	0.00	38.23
Total Equipment Budget				38.23	0.00	38.23
Total Expense				342.81	0.00	342.81
Net Ordinary Income				342.81	601.88	259.07
Net Income				342.81	601.88	259.07

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Budget vs. Actual 2024
 January through February 2024

	Jan - Feb 24	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donations		
Donation - Corporate/Employee	200.00	1,200.00
Donation - General	275.30	500.00
Donation - Holiday Party	53.42	0.00
Total Donations	528.72	1,700.00
Grants		
Grant - Other	0.00	2,000.00
Total Grants	0.00	2,000.00
Interest	0.25	1.00
Membership Dues	214.46	600.00
Other Income	0.00	49.00
SBCARA Clothing Purchase	7.73	500.00
VE Testing Fees	607.82	500.00
Total Income	1,358.98	5,350.00
Expense		
Administrative Budget		
Club Promotion Expense	80.00	1,000.00
Dues		
NARCC Dues	20.00	20.00
Total Dues	20.00	20.00
Ham Club Online	0.00	50.00
Holiday Party	0.00	500.00
Office Expense	25.00	100.00
SBCARA Clothing Expense	1,410.52	50.00
VE Testing Expense	370.58	1,000.00
Total Administrative Budget	1,906.10	2,720.00
DOC Expenses		
Office Furniture	98.31	400.00
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	1,500.00
Total DOC Expenses	98.31	1,900.00
Equipment Budget		
Repeater Upgrades	0.00	1,500.00
Trailer Equipment	38.23	1,500.00
Total Equipment Budget	38.23	3,000.00
Special Projects		
Rural School Project	0.00	200.00
SAR Topo	300.00	300.00
StarLink	136.50	450.00
Total Special Projects	436.50	950.00
Total Expense	2,479.14	8,570.00
Net Ordinary Income	-1,120.16	-3,220.00
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SBCARA
ACCOUNT BALANCES
As of February 29, 2024



Chase checking: General Fund	\$	1,874.25
Chase checking: Depreciation Fund	\$	5,718.26
Chase savings account	\$	14,730.42
PayPal account		
Total	\$	22,322.93