

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association  
3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023  
February 6, 2024, 7pm  
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting call to order by Sara Steiner/KJ6SAS. Attendance: Ron Ross/KD6ZXG (Treasurer), Mel Tolentino/KK6MES (Quartermaster), Tim Takeuchi/W6TST (Advisory chair), Heatherly Takeuchi/N6HKT (Secretary), Billy Boltz/W6WKB, George Hunt/N6GWH, David Hitch/KO6AVA, Phil Steffora/K6TT, Tony Angelo/KG6NXJ, Benson Wong/K6BEN

BUSINESS

2. Secretary's Report: Heatherly N6HKT. Minutes of January. Moved to approve by George, seconded by Billy. Passed by a voice vote of members present.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ron KD6ZXG
  - a. Review and approve Treasurer's Reports. Moved to approve by Billy moved, seconded by Benson. Passed by voice vote of the members present.
  - b. OES funding, expenses. Tim is looking into new batteries for the trailer and Hernandez Valley Repeater.
  - c. Candid (GuideStar) nonprofit database. SBCARA has a Gold rating for organizational leadership and financial transparency. Sara will update our profile and submit a strategic plan info for a Platinum rating.
  - d. Free License testing, reimburse of FCC fees – How best to implement this process was discussed. Heatherly and Ron will discuss offline. Flyers will be distributed at the Ham Cram and "congratulations" emails sent were suggested.
4. Quartermaster Report: Mel KK6MES
  - a. Tagging equipment. Asset Tiger software, Asset Tag labels. Mel will have an inventory tagging session on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1700 at the DOC.
  - b. DOC upgrades. Tim will order the chairs. Mel brought in a flat screen TV and a mini-Linux computer that can run the world clock software, Ham Clock.
5. ARES/RACES news and updates: Tim W6TST.
  - Winter Field Day. Eight people participated at the Cienega School in rural San Benito Co. We took the trailer out. There are some issues with power in the trailer (if you charge some batteries when it is very cold it will damage them). The batteries are being tested right now. Perhaps the digipeater mode may have been the cause. We can fit an additional three solar panels to the trailer if needed for power.
  - We participated in our first SHARES net last month.
  - Tim plans on having an ARES/RACES planning meeting in March.
  - Ham 101 on Feb 13 for the Forum.
6. Net Control:

February - Ron KD6ZXG	May – Mel KK6MES
March - Sara KJ6SAS	June - Heatherly N6HKT
April - Billy W6WKB	

PROJECTS -

8. N6SBC Repeater, upgrades and maintenance. Ron KD6ZXG. As soon as it dries out, he plans to connect Bear Valley and Hernandez Valley (W6KRK repeater on Call Mountain is down now also).
9. San Juan Canyon (SJC) Communications Support. Mel KK6MES, GMRS updates if any. Tony came back from vacation. The battery died and the solar panel wasn't helping. Now, it was working fine. They were able to use it during the power outage over the weekend.
10. SBCARA engagement. Billy W6WKB. Billy was able to get three new people, one signed up for GMRS licenses. Sara moved for Ron to buy \$35 gift cards who pay for their GMRS or amateur radio license. Moved by Heatherly and 2<sup>nd</sup> by George. A flyer at the VE sessions and another when they receive their license.

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EVENTS

11. Past Events

- a. Jan 27, Winter Field Day, Cienega School. Tim <https://winterfieldday.org/resources.php>

12. Upcoming events:

- a. Feb 2, - Amateur radio documentary, "The History Makers". Heatherly.  
We had a great showing of the documentary "Cat Whiskers & Other Ham Radio Stories." Many people came to the showing at the Community Foundation Epicenter despite the foul weather.  
[https://sbcara.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/HAM\\_RADIO\\_MOVIE\\_POSTER\\_SBCARA2.pdf](https://sbcara.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/HAM_RADIO_MOVIE_POSTER_SBCARA2.pdf)
- b. Feb 10, VE Ham Cram and Exam session, Epicenter. Hollister. Heatherly. Our class is full, but there is still room for test only participants.  
<https://sbcara.org/ve/>  
[https://sbcara.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/01/GMRS\\_and\\_Ham\\_License\\_and\\_Upgrades\\_for\\_FREE.pdf](https://sbcara.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/01/GMRS_and_Ham_License_and_Upgrades_for_FREE.pdf)
- c. Feb 13, SBCARA Forum. Tim The Forum this month is Ham 101, Introduction of Emergency Communications. Forum video archive: <https://sbcara.org/forum/>
- d. Feb 22, Ham Fun. Jack W6KRRK Ham Fun archive <https://sbcara.org/ham-fun-archive/>
- e. April 18 - 21, Sea Otter Classic. Tim <https://sbcara.org/otter/>  
Tim is working on signups. At 68% complete. Thank you. Go to our [sbcara.org/otter](https://sbcara.org/otter/) for instructions on how to sign up. They are giving out hats (put a copy of Otter Comms logo in the minutes).

OTHER

Mel is thinking of running a GMRS class for the San Juan Canyon (SJC) folks. He will coordinate with Tony Canavarrro/KK6ROU of SJC.

Adjourn

Billy moved, and Heatherly seconded to adjourn the meeting. Sara closed the meeting at 1952.

Attachments:

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

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February 1, 2024  
 Cash Basis

**San Benito County Amateur Radio Association**  
**Income & Expense Detail**  
 January 1 to January 31, 2024

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Donations</b>						
Donation - Corporate/Employee						
01/31/2024	EFT		Deposit		150.00	150.00
Total Donation - Corporate/Employee				0.00	150.00	150.00
Donation - General						
01/30/2024	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		98.52	98.52
Total Donation - General				0.00	98.52	98.52
Donation - Holiday Party						
01/30/2024	EFT	PayPal	Food (2023)		53.42	53.42
Total Donation - Holiday Party				0.00	53.42	53.42
Total Donations				0.00	301.94	301.94
<b>Interest</b>						
01/31/2024			Deposit		0.13	0.13
Total Interest				0.00	0.13	0.13
<b>Membership Dues</b>						
01/30/2024	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		124.46	124.46
01/31/2024			Deposit		40.00	164.46
Total Membership Dues				0.00	164.46	164.46
<b>VE Testing Fees</b>						
01/30/2024	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		290.57	290.57
Total VE Testing Fees				0.00	290.57	290.57
Total Income				0.00	757.10	757.10
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>Administrative Budget</b>						
Club Promotion Expense						
01/11/2024	440	Heatherly Take...	Fair artwork reimbursement (2023)	80.00		80.00
Total Club Promotion Expense				80.00	0.00	80.00

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<b>Dues</b>						
<b>NARCC Dues</b>						
01/05/2024	EFT	Northern Amat...	2024 Dues (via PayPal)	20.00		20.00
Total NARCC Dues				20.00	0.00	20.00
Total Dues				20.00	0.00	20.00
<b>SBCARA Clothing Expense</b>						
01/02/2024	DEBIT	Safeguard Busin...		1,410.52		1,410.52
Total SBCARA Clothing Expense				1,410.52	0.00	1,410.52
<b>VE Testing Expense</b>						
01/16/2024	DEBIT	W5YI	Licesing fees	84.00		84.00
01/26/2024	DEBIT	W5YI	License Fee	7.00		91.00
Total VE Testing Expense				91.00	0.00	91.00
Total Administrative Budget				1,601.52	0.00	1,601.52
<b>DOC Expenses</b>						
<b>Office Furniture</b>						
01/24/2024	DEBIT	Amazon	Coffee Maker	98.31		98.31
Total Office Furniture				98.31	0.00	98.31
Total DOC Expenses				98.31	0.00	98.31
<b>Special Projects</b>						
<b>SAR Topo</b>						
01/25/2024	DEBIT	CalTopo	Annual software icense	300.00		300.00
Total SAR Topo				300.00	0.00	300.00
<b>StarLink</b>						
01/22/2024	EFT	StarLink	1 month activation	136.50		136.50
Total StarLink				136.50	0.00	136.50
Total Special Projects				436.50	0.00	436.50
Total Expense				2,136.33	0.00	2,136.33
Net Ordinary Income				2,136.33	757.10	-1,379.23
<b>Net Income</b>				<b>2,136.33</b>	<b>757.10</b>	<b>-1,379.23</b>

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**San Benito County Amateur Radio Association**  
**Budget vs. Actual 2024**  
 January 2024

	Jan 24	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Donation - Corporate/Employee	150.00	1,200.00
Donation - General	98.52	500.00
Donation - Holiday Party	53.42	0.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<u>301.94</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>
<b>Grants</b>		
Grant - Other	0.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Interest	0.13	1.00
Membership Dues	164.46	600.00
Other Income	0.00	49.00
SBCARA Clothing Purchase	0.00	500.00
VE Testing Fees	290.57	500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>757.10</u>	<u>5,350.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Administrative Budget</b>		
Club Promotion Expense	80.00	1,000.00
<b>Dues</b>		
NARCC Dues	20.00	20.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Ham Club Online	0.00	50.00
Holiday Party	0.00	500.00
Office Expense	0.00	100.00
SBCARA Clothing Expense	1,410.52	50.00
VE Testing Expense	91.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Administrative Budget</b>	<u>1,601.52</u>	<u>2,720.00</u>
<b>DOC Expenses</b>		
Office Furniture	98.31	400.00
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Total DOC Expenses</b>	<u>98.31</u>	<u>1,900.00</u>
<b>Equipment Budget</b>		
Repeater Upgrades	0.00	1,500.00
Trailer Equipment	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Equipment Budget</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>Special Projects</b>		
Rural School Project	0.00	200.00
SAR Topo	300.00	300.00
StarLink	136.50	450.00
<b>Total Special Projects</b>	<u>436.50</u>	<u>950.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>2,136.33</u>	<u>8,570.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-1,379.23</u>	<u>-3,220.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-1,379.23</u></u>	<u><u>-3,220.00</u></u>

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**SBCARA**  
**ACCOUNT BALANCES**  
**As of January 31, 2024**



Chase checking: General Fund	\$	1,615.30
Chase checking: Depreciation Fund	\$	5,718.26
Chase savings account	\$	14,729.93
PayPal account	\$	48.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,112.00</b>

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Radio Communications for Everyday or Emergency Use

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## Mission

To work with local, state and federal government agencies to provide normal and emergency communications. To promote higher standards within the ranks of amateur radio. To create a mutual understanding and cooperation between amateur radio and the community. To secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons interested in amateur radio.

### Ruling year

2013

### President

Clark StoneT

### Main address

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HOLLISTER, CA 95023 USA  
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### Formerly known as

San Benito County Amateur  
Radio Emergency Service

### EIN

61-1646752

### NTEE code

Disaster Preparedness and  
Relief Services (M20)



### IRS filing requirement

This organization is required to  
file an IRS Form 990-N.

### Communication

