

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association  
3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023  
September 3, 2024, 1900  
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting call to order by Sara KJ6SAS. Introductions. Benson K6BEN, Tim W6TST Dave Hitch KO6AVA. Mario N7YMZ, Brian KG6BKI, Billy WG6BKI, Heatherly N6HKT

#### BUSINESS

2. Secretary's Report: Heatherly N6HKT. Approve July meeting minutes. Billy moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tim. The motion passed by voice vote of the members present.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ron KD6ZXG, not present.
  - a. Heatherly reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the group. Approval of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Tim and seconded by Dave H to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was passed by a voice vote of the members present.
  - b. OES county funding updates. Tim W6TST – OES has budgeted \$5000 for SBCARA expenditures. Tim has an idea for the list of what we need to purchase with the money. We need an APRS radio at the DOC. (Kenwood is about to introduce a new digital radio that would be good for the DOC.) Tim will put together a list of equipment for the minutes (See the bottom of the Minutes for the list.).
  - c. Annual internal audit – Billy and Benson will do the audit.
4. Quartermaster's Report: Mel KK6MES – no news, he was not present at the meeting.
  - a. Tagging equipment
  - b. DOC upgrades – Carpet upgrade is in the works. Blue Ribbon was not responsive. Heatherly will check with other carpet installers.
  - c. Donation acknowledgement, HF bandpass filters donated by Tim and Heatherly for use at events like Field Day, or California QSO Party.
5. N6SBC Net Control: September – Billy W6WKB  
October – Brian KG6BKI (Not Halloween)  
November – Billy (first half) Benson (second half)  
December – Sara KJ6SAS  
January –

#### ARES, RACES

6. Events. Tim W6TST
  - a. Oct. 5-6 – ARRL ARES Simulated Emergency Test  
The forum, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, will be about preparing for an emergency. It will be presented at both DOC and Zoom.
  - b. Oct. 5-6 – California QSO Party (NCCC)
  - c. Oct. 17, 10:17 - CA ShakeOut Drill. Will the rural schools participate? Sara will talk to the rural school boards and see who wants to participate.

#### PROJECTS

7. Amateur radio, club engagement
  - a. VE report. Heatherly N6HKT  
Nov 9 - Ham Cram & Test Session, Hollister (Sara and Billy will setup the welcome wagon  
SBCARA welcome table, Billy W6WKB, Sara KJ6SAS,

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Nov 2 – in Santa Cruz. We are doing a testing session for the Santa Cruz club after another Technician's class they are teaching. The testing is at their EOC.

8. San Juan Canyon communications. Mel KK6MES – No status, Mel not present.

9. N6SBC repeater repairs and upgrades. Ron KD6ZXG – No status, Ron not present.

10. Rural Schools radio stations. Sara KJ6SAS

a. Jefferson School antenna – Sara reviewed the ongoing issues with radio reception/transmission at the school due to its location and difficulty accessing the repeaters. Ron had suggested trying a Yagi antenna. Sara will see if Jack's Yagi is still available. Billy offered to help test it out at the school.

b. CA ShakeOut Drill, volunteers for rural schools' participation on Oct 17th (above under ARES)

The only rural school with licensed hams on site is Jefferson School. Sara will schedule presentations to the school boards to see if there is any interest in licensing as well as participation in the Shake Out drill. (never seem to follow up after the presentation).

Volunteer hams may be needed to assist at each participating site: Cienega School, Will Grove School, Jefferson School, and Bitterwater Tully School.

#### OTHER

11. Upcoming 2025 Board nominations...

If anybody would like to be a board officer, let us know.

12. Billy brought his B-Tech UV-Pro. You can change channels using an app on your phone using Bluetooth. It has APRS. The ability to program it in the field is a BIG Plus. \$165 on Amazon currently. Much less expensive than other APRS radios, which run about \$750 for other radios.

Adjourn: Billy moved, and Tim seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara adjourned the meeting at 20:03

List of equipment from item 3b:

The Equipment plan to fill the gaps in ARES/RACES response is to equip the trailer and the DOC with a commercial grade VHF radio and an APRS/Packet capable radio for the DOC.

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



Chase checking: General Fund	\$	2,628.24
Chase checking: Depreciation Fund	\$	5,718.26
Chase savings account	\$	14,731.15
PayPal account	\$	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,078.65</b>

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**San Benito County Amateur Radio Association**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
 January 1 through Aug 31, 2024

	Jan - Aug 24	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Donation - Corporate/Employee	750.00	1,200.00
Donation - General	277.30	500.00
Donation - Holiday Party	53.42	0.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	1,080.72	1,700.00
<b>Grants</b>		
Grant - IBM	1,000.00	500.00
Grant - Other	2,750.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	3,750.00	2,500.00
Interest	0.98	1.00
Membership Dues	351.79	600.00
Other Income	75.00	49.00
SBCARA Clothing Purchase	15.73	500.00
VE Testing Fees	928.92	500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	6,203.14	5,850.00
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Administrative Budget</b>		
Club Promotion Expense	174.77	1,000.00
<b>Dues</b>		
NARCC Dues	20.00	20.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	20.00	20.00
Ham Club Online	50.00	50.00
Holiday Party	0.00	500.00
<b>Insurance</b>		
Insurance - Equipment	215.08	250.00
Insurance - Liability	300.00	300.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	515.08	550.00
Office Expense	25.00	100.00
SBCARA Clothing Expense	1,417.52	50.00
VE Testing Expense	802.25	1,000.00
Work Session Refreshments	161.85	250.00
<b>Total Administrative Budget</b>	3,166.47	3,520.00
<b>DOC Expenses</b>		
Office Furniture	480.67	400.00
Repairs and Maintenance	18.56	1,500.00

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	Jan - Aug 24	Budget
Total DOC Expenses	499.23	1,900.00
Equipment Budget		
Repeater Upgrades	1,031.44	1,500.00
Trailer Equipment	983.00	1,500.00
	2,014.44	3,000.00
Total Equipment Budget		
Special Projects		
Rural School Project	0.00	200.00
SAR Topo	300.00	300.00
Sea Otter	576.40	600.00
StarLink	136.50	450.00
	1,012.90	1,550.00
Total Special Projects		
Total Expense	6,693.04	9,970.00
Net Ordinary Income	-489.90	-4,120.00
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**Income & Expense Detail**  
 July 1 to Aug 31, 2024

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Donations</b>					
<b>Donation - Corporate/Employee</b>					
07/01/2024			IBM		100.00
08/01/2024			IBM		150.00
Total Donation - Corporate/Employee				0.00	250.00
Total Donations				0.00	250.00
<b>Interest</b>					
07/31/2024			Deposit		0.13
08/30/2024			Deposit		0.12
Total Interest				0.00	0.25
<b>Membership Dues</b>					
07/23/2024			Deposit		20.00
08/28/2024			Deposit		30.00
08/28/2024		PayPal	Deposit		19.11
Total Membership Dues				0.00	69.11
<b>SBCARA Clothing Purchase</b>					
07/23/2024			Badge		8.00
Total SBCARA Clothing Purchase				0.00	8.00
Total Income				0.00	327.36
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>Administrative Budget</b>					
<b>Club Promotion Expense</b>					
07/07/2024	449	Sara Steiner	Handout reimbursement	94.77	
Total Club Promotion Expense				94.77	0.00
<b>VE Testing Expense</b>					
08/05/2024	DEBIT	Sudnuts	Refreshments	18.01	
08/05/2024	DEBIT	Nob Hill	Refreshments	5.99	
08/19/2024	DEBIT	W5YI	License fees	28.00	
Total VE Testing Expense				52.00	0.00
<b>Work Session Refreshments</b>					
07/17/2024	451	Mel Tolentino	DOC cleanup reimbursement	161.85	
Total Work Session Refreshments				161.85	0.00
Total Administrative Budget				308.62	0.00

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<b>DOC Expenses</b>					
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07/17/2024	450	Heatherly Takeuchi	DOC cleanup reimbursement	18.56	
Total Repairs and Maintenance				18.56	0.00
Total DOC Expenses				18.56	0.00
Total Expense				327.18	0.00
Net Ordinary Income				327.18	327.36
<b>Net Income</b>				<b>327.18</b>	<b>327.36</b>