

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association
3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023 and online Zoom
Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7pm
Meeting Minutes

Meeting call to order by Sara KJ6SAS at 7:00 PM.

Heatherly Takeuchi (N6HKT), Sara Steiner (KJ6SAS), Mario Gomez (N7YMZ), David Hitch (KO6AVA), Ron Ross (KD6ZXG), Tim Takeuchi (W6TST), Michelle (KM6GSZ), Benson Wong (K6BEN), Billy Botz (W6WKB)

Business

1 Secretary's Report

Motion to approve April meeting minutes: Billy first, Tim second. Approved

2 Treasurer's Report

Income and expense year to date was reviewed. The current balances as of April 30 are:

- Chase Bank checking account \$13,950.23
- Chase Bank savings account \$ 6,718.26
- PayPal account \$ 98.13

Received grant from Sea Otter Foundation.

Tim reported that the Office of Emergency services has budgeted \$5,000 for communications.

3 Community Foundation for SBC Investment Account

At the January meeting, the club decided to take some of the money and put it into an investment account. This is to offset the effects of inflation. We spoke to CFFSBC back in February. Coming out of that meeting, we had some concerns, which we asked the CFFSBC to clarify in writing

The CFFSBC got back to us in mid-April with what we thought were updated documents that addresses our following concerns:

- 100% control of our funds and close down the account as needed.
- Ability to withdraw funds as needed
- Ability to close the account without incurring fees.

The documents show a minimum \$10 K required to invest.

In a follow-up call, Benson asked Tracy about some of these things.

- We can have a non-endowment account, which would let us maintain control of the account.
- \$10 K minimum is just a guideline. CF has worked with non-profits with less funds.

As we would still like this in writing, the Board recommend a modification to the original plan in case things fall through.:

Opening a HYSA with \$5000 at Axos, an on-line bank that allows non-profits to open a high interest savings account. \$5000 allocated will be to CFFSBC, pending clarification on contract. We would like this in writing!

Motion to move to approve this alternative plan. Heatherly first. Dave seconds. Approved.

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4 Quartermaster's Report

DOC carpeting: Billy hasn't had a chance to contact Empire Today yet. Will work on it this coming month.

Billy experimented with the power consumption on a Starlink Mini. 20 to 25 Watts when running with 40 W solar panel.

\$10 a month for 10 GB. \$2 per GB for overages.

DOC backup power supply: Yeti 4000 with solar capability

Sara will contact Goal Zero to see what discounts it offers to nonprofits. Tim mentions that sometimes there are good sales where we can save a bunch of money.

Tim to work with OES to see if can get a grant to get Goal Zero.

Sara will apply for a grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, May 31 deadline.

5 Sea Otter Classic (Apr. 10 to 13)

Tim debriefs Sea Otter Classic:

30 ham volunteers

27 officially active + 3 other duties/backup

835 hours logged with Sea Otter Classic Foundation

864 hours including setup/breakdown

5 counties

6,500 athletes

70,000 spectators

Activities went well. Lifetime Grand Prix was expanded this year. \$350,000 prize purse for over 6 events.

Gravel Event was new this year. Started on Thursday. Enduro took place in parallel on Thursday. So, everyone was busy setting up for both events.

Oakgrove School ISS Contact

June 28, 29. Field Day 2025. Cienega School. Anritsu Club may join us. GVARC participation.

This is an informal meeting

8 N6SBC Net Control

May - Sara

Jun – Heatherly

July – TBD

Aug--Billy

Swap Meet: Jul 19, 2025

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9 Repeater Maintenance

Ron reports that he got up to Bear Valley repeater in April to weed whack inside the fenced area. He would like to go to Hernandez Valley this month to weed whack around this site. Ron would also like to go to Bear Valley to install insulation inside the structure. Mario and David volunteered to help and they will set a date after the meeting.

Audio needs to be adjusted on repeaters. Shawn Fitzharris W6MOW offered to take his service monitor to help with adjustments. This will be done sometime this month.

Jack Kirk W6KRK is organizing a day in June to rebuild the roof of the Call Mountain repeater. The roof had been damaged from high winds in recent winter storms.

10 VE Update

May 3rd VE session. 8 people. 2 techs. 6 upgrades.

11 BenitoLink - no discussion

12 Membership and Engagement

Heatherly spoke with the Rotary Club in MH. They wanted to learn more about emergency communications and how ham radio fits in. Meeting went well.

Heatherly is considering talking to Hollister's Rotary Club, too.

13 Meeting Adjourned

20:01 motion to adjourn. Tim first. David seconds.

Attached: Treasurer's Reports

SBCARA ACCOUNT BALANCES As of April 30, 2025



Chase checking: General Fund	\$	7,231.97
Chase checking: Depreciation Fund	\$	6,718.26
Chase savings account	\$	7,231.97
PayPal account	\$	98.13
Total	\$	21,280.33

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Budget vs. Actual
As of April 30, 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donations		
Donation - Corporate/Employee	504.87	1,200.00
Donation - General	108.41	500.00
Total Donations	613.28	1,700.00
Grants		
Grant - Community Foundation	0.00	3,000.00
Grant - IBM	0.00	500.00
Grant - Other	0.00	2,000.00
Total Grants	0.00	5,500.00
Holiday Party Income	0.00	200.00
Interest	0.33	250.00
Membership Dues	202.88	600.00
Other Income	0.00	50.00
SBCARA Clothing Purchase	0.00	100.00
VE Testing Fees	326.86	1,500.00
Total Income	1,143.35	9,900.00
Expense		
Administrative Budget		
Club Promotion Expense	0.00	200.00
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
Insurance		
Insurance - Equipment	0.00	300.00
Insurance - Liability	0.00	300.00
Total Insurance	0.00	600.00
Office Expense	0.00	50.00
VE Testing Expense	304.05	1,500.00
Work Session Refreshments	0.00	250.00
Total Administrative Budget	324.05	3,170.00
DOC Expenses		
Cameras	0.00	400.00
Patch Panel	0.00	400.00
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	2,000.00

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Total DOC Expenses	0.00	2,800.00
Equipment Budget		
Base Radio (Digital/Alalog)	0.00	750.00
Repeater Upgrades & Maintenance	0.00	1,500.00
Safety Cones	0.00	100.00
Solar Generator, portable	0.00	1,500.00
Trailer Equipment	217.53	500.00
Total Equipment Budget	217.53	4,350.00
Special Projects		
Rural School Project	0.00	200.00
SAR Topo	300.00	300.00
Sea Otter	175.02	400.00
StarLink	165.00	700.00
Total Special Projects	782.27	1,600.00
Total Expense	1,323.85	11,920.00
Net Ordinary Income	-180.50	-2,020.00
Net Income	-180.50	-2,020.00

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Income & Expense Detail
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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Donations						
Donation - Corporate/Employee						
01/02/2025	EFT		IBM		150.00	150.00
01/31/2025			IBM		100.00	250.00
03/04/2025	EFT		IBM		100.00	350.00
04/01/2025	EFT		CISCO, IBM		54.87	404.87
04/30/2025	EFT		IBM		100.00	504.87
Total Donation - Corporate/Employee				0.00	504.87	504.87
Donation - General						
01/27/2025	DEBIT	PayPal	Deposit		78.41	78.41
01/29/2025			Deposit		30.00	108.41
Total Donation - General				0.00	108.41	108.41
Total Donations				0.00	613.28	613.28
Interest						
01/31/2025			Deposit		0.12	0.12
02/28/2025			Deposit		0.09	0.21
03/31/2025			Deposit		0.06	0.27
04/30/2025			Deposit		0.06	0.33
Total Interest				0.00	0.33	0.33
Membership Dues						
01/27/2025	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		133.77	133.77
01/29/2025			Deposit		50.00	183.77
04/24/2025	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		19.11	202.88
Total Membership Dues				0.00	202.88	202.88
VE Testing Fees						
01/27/2025	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		109.96	109.96
02/27/2025	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		122.99	232.95
03/12/2025			Cash		65.00	297.95
04/24/2025	EFT	PayPal	Deposit		28.91	326.86
Total VE Testing Fees				0.00	326.86	326.86
Total Income				0.00	1,143.35	1,143.35
Expense						
Administrative Budget						
Dues						
NARCC Dues						
01/27/2025	DEBIT	Northern Amateur Relay Coun...	Annual dues (via PayPal)	20.00		20.00

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Total NARCC Dues				20.00	0.00	20.00
Total Dues				20.00	0.00	20.00
VE Testing Expense						
01/30/2025	DEBIT	Postal Graphics		115.61		115.61
02/03/2025	DEBIT	Safeway		8.59		124.20
02/03/2025	DEBIT	Safeway		25.57		149.77
02/03/2025	DEBIT	Sudnuts		29.29		179.06
02/03/2025	DEBIT	Nob Hill		5.99		185.05
02/06/2025	DEBIT	W5YI		119.00		304.05
Total VE Testing Expense				304.05	0.00	304.05
Total Administrative Budget				324.05	0.00	324.05
Equipment Budget						
Trailer Equipment						
03/20/2025	DEBIT	eBay	Chairs	217.53		217.53
Total Trailer Equipment				217.53	0.00	217.53
Total Equipment Budget				217.53	0.00	217.53
Special Projects						
SAR Topo						
01/27/2025	DEBIT	CalTopo	Annual renewal	300.00		300.00
Total SAR Topo				300.00	0.00	300.00
Sea Otter						
01/02/2025	DEBIT	Zazzle Inc	Mag vehicle signs	175.02		175.02
Total Sea Otter				175.02	0.00	175.02
StarLink						
01/21/2025	DEBIT	StarLink	Activation, one month	165.00		165.00
Total StarLink				165.00	0.00	165.00
Trailer						
01/06/2025	DEBIT	American Communications	Separation kit Kenwood NX...	142.25		142.25
Total Trailer				142.25	0.00	142.25
Total Special Projects				782.27	0.00	782.27
Total Expense				1,323.85	0.00	1,323.85
Net Ordinary Income				1,323.85	1,143.35	-180.50
Net Income				1,323.85	1,143.35	-180.50