

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association  
3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023 and online Zoom  
Tuesday, Apr 1, 2025, 7pm  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting call to order by Sara KJ6SAS at 7:01 PM.

Present: Benson Wong (K6BEN), Dave Hitch (KO6AVA), Sara Steiner (KJ6SAS), Tim Takeuchi (W6TST), Heatherly Takeuchi (N6HKT),-Mel Tolentino (KK6MES), Brian Temperino (KO6GTA), Billy (W6WKB)

Business

### **1 Secretary's Report**

Secretary requests to approve Mar. 2025 meeting minutes. Dave makes the motion. Tim seconds.

### **2 Treasurer's Report**

\$217.53 eBay charge is for Steelcase chair for the trailer

\$65 is money from last ham cram.

Tim reports we will be receiving a \$1000 IBM grant. It was applied for today. Will see the deposit soon.

\$100 online giving.

### **3 Community Foundation for SBC Investment Account**

CF is attempting grant requests towards the end of this year. No updates on starting an account with the Community Foundation. This activity is still pending.

### **4 Quartermaster's Report**

Billy to meet with Alfredo from Empire Today to coordinate new carpet quote. Benson to provide Billy with ET's contact info.

### **5 DOC Upgrades/Maintenance/Repairs**

We don't have anything in hand for a grant right now. But after SOC, let's put together a grant request (Sara) : backup power supply for the DOC when finalized by the project committee.

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## **6 Sea Otter Classic (Apr. 10 to 13)**

Need 82 slots filled with volunteers. Currently, 62 of 82 are filled. People are dropping out at the last minute because of unexpected personal events (e.g., emergencies). 52 slots filled for 62 slots' worth of shifts.

## **7 ARES Program**

Active attacker Santa Cruz. AAR. Mel, Benson, Tim, and Dave went. Mostly SCPD and Boardwalk security. Critique: Jargony language. Outsiders will not know where XYZ ride is located. All is good in general.

## **8 N6SBC Net Control**

Apr—Benson  
May - Sara  
Jun – Heatherly  
July – TBD  
Aug--Billy

## **9 Repeater Maintenance**

Not aware of any maintenance repeater work last month.

## **10 VE Update**

May 3 will be the next ham cram and exam here in Hollister at the Epicenter. Cram portion: 8 am to 3:30 pm, with the test following. Test only portion: 1 pm to 3 pm.

End of month, Heatherly will be helping Oakwood school talk to ISS.

Hearing kids from February ham cram on the radio now. For example, a 10 year old from the cram wants to get his General license.

The week of spring break, Heatherly is giving a presentation to Rotarians about amateur radio and safety. 16 April 12:15 pm Morgan Hill Community Cultural Center.

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Sara: Perhaps, we can reach out to community or emergency-oriented groups to talk about ham radio because if they have a reason to use the radio, then they are more apt to get their licenses.

Ron wrote an article on the fire lookout at Chews Ridge, posted in the recent newsletter. Volunteers are needed; contact Ron if interested, kd6zxg@gmail.com

### **11 BenitoLink**

Leslie David with BenitoLink asked about the best way to inform the community and communicate during an emergency. Sara and Leslie met with Kris Mangano, OES manager, and Rosemerry Dere, PIO. OES provided discussion on what they provide during emergencies. Best thing for ham radio is localized communications, like a flooded area. No cell communication if the Internet is down. She would have communications with reporters in town.

### **12 Membership and Engagement**

No updates.

### **13 Meeting Adjourned**

19:43 motion to adjourn. Billy makes the motion. Heatherly seconds.