

# San Benito County Amateur Radio Association

3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023 and online Zoom  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7pm

## Meeting Agenda

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.

## 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.

## 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

Field Day 2025

Cienega School

Anritsu Club may join us

GVARC participation

June 28, 29

This is an informal meeting

## **8 N6SBC Net Control**

May - Sara

Jun – Heatherly

July – TBD

Aug--Billy

Swap Meet: Jul 19, 2025

## **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 W6KRR 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**

## **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.