

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association  
3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023 and online Zoom  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:01 pm  
Meeting Minutes

Association Officers

President: Sara Steiner  
Secretary: Benson Wong  
Treasurer: Ron Ross  
Quartermaster: William Boltz  
Advisory Chair: Tim Takeuchi

Present: Tim Takeuchi (W6TST), Sara Steiner (KJ6SAS), Heatherly Takeuchi (N6HKT), David Hitch (KO6AVA), Benson Wong (K6BEN), Jim Deloach (WU01), Ron KD6ZXG, Billy Boltz (W6WKB), Brian Temperino (KO6GTA) and Brenda (Wife), Etienne (KG6QVT), Cassandra Kartashov, Melissa (KK6DZS), Patricia (unlicensed)

1. Cassandra Kartashov is the CEO of the Community Foundation for San Benito. She came to our February meeting to talk about the foundation's work for the communities of San Benito County.

900 separate branches make up Community Foundations across the United States. The Community Foundation was started in 1914 by John Goth to fill a need for philanthropic endeavors when an individual passes away. This is to help keep those donations within the community. Much of the money leaves the community when that person passes away.

Examples of organizations founded by the Community Foundation:

- Senior Council (third largest county of retirees)
- San Benito Leadership Initiative
- BenitoLink
- Volunteers Operative Active Disaster (VOAD)

Cassandra discussed several types of funds the Community Foundation offers. There is the non-endowed fund. Money goes in and out but does not last forever. There's no minimum on how much to leave in there but CF would like to see a minimum of \$10,000 in the fund.

Endowment Fund: Lasts forever

\$10,000. 5.5% draw rate. Accepts stocks and real estate as donations.

Note: Cassandra offered the option to open a fund at \$5000, with the promise that we will fund it to a minimum of \$10,000 over time.

There are operating costs involved with these funds. A small amount is an investment fee. There is another 1.5% overhead fee.

Vanguard manages the investment backend. Westpack from Vanguard.

To start a fund, we would need meeting minutes showing the approval of a creation of a fund. We would need to provide one point-of-contact to the Community Foundation.

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The board discussed how an endowment fund might be a good vehicle to keep the money in San Benito County when its members pass away or simply decide to disband the club. That way, if another club later on wants to resume activities, the money will be there for them.

The board thanks Cassandra for her time.

2. Meeting minutes

Approval for January meeting minutes has been postponed to next month's meeting. The Treasurer's revisions may be incomplete (not saved), due to possibly connectivity issues that did not post these changes to the Google Docs.

Members will take time to review the meeting minutes. The meeting minutes will be brought up for approval at March's meeting.

Heatherly motions. Benson seconds. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Ron presented bank balances, detail transactions and budget vs actuals. \$40 in interest from Axos. This is absent from the Treasurer's statement in this meeting as the statement from Axos came after Ron Ross made his amendments to the Treasurer's Report and could not include it in time for this meeting. The interest rate is 3.6%.

Billy motions for the Treasurer's report to be approved by the board. Tim seconds. Approved.

2-Year Audit

Michelle (accountant), Brian and Sara, with Treasurer's assistance, will perform 2024 and 2025 financial review. Sara will send out an email to the committee to meet around the first week of March.

4. Quartermaster's Report

Billy to work on getting quotes for carpet cleaning for the DOC. He will help Tim with the purchase of a power generator. Tim is the lead on this purchase.

Tires on the trailer may need to be replaced.

5. Net Control

Feb: Billy

March: Ron Ross

April: Dave (TBD)

Sara suggests updating the wording on the net control script to say "member stations" instead of "San Benito stations", as the latter implies only stations in San Benito County are allowed to call into the Net.

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6. Tim's Report  
SBCARA Forum

Sea Otter Classic  
Behind the scenes discussion

Winter Field Day  
SCV section. We are currently #1, though other clubs may still file their scores and change our ranking.  
8188 total points this year. 1947 last year.  
19 ham operators attended.

Sea Otter Classic  
April 16 to 19<sup>th</sup>  
30 volunteers and 75 shifts  
Ideally, we need 72 shifts or 77 to include 5 trainees.  
72 days from now.

Future  
A day where people can just come into the DOC and use the HF radio equipment. Billy volunteered to host this.

Condor Gravel Challenge Sunday, Jun 7, 2026. This is a new bicycle event (TBD) that we may support.

7. VE testing  
Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> in Hollister at the CF Epicenter. 5 or 6 people signed up right now.  
May 9 in Gilroy at the Community Room at GPD.

8. Swap Meet  
Takes place on July 11<sup>th</sup> here at the DOC. We will have a Flea Market and BBQ.

9. Other Issues  
The VHF antenna at Hazel Hawkins Hospital is leaning badly. Coax cable looks like it's been up there for 20 years. Do we want to repair and set it up again? Or simply remove it? Bob Martin Del Campo is the emergency coordinator at the hospital. We will reach out to Delcampo and ask what they would like to do about the antennas.

10. Meeting Adjourned.  
Billy motions. Heatherly seconds. Approved. Ended at 20:18

Attachments: Treasurer's reports

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10:45 PM

February 1, 2026

Cash Basis

**San Benito County Amateur Radio Association**  
**Income & Expense Detail**  
 January 2026

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Donations</b>						
<b>Donation - Corporate/Employee</b>						
01/30/2026			IBM		100.00	100.00
		Total Donation - Corporate/Employee		0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Donation - General</b>						
01/27/2026		PayPal	Deposit		19.60	19.60
		Total Donation - General		0.00	19.60	19.60
		Total Donations		0.00	119.60	119.60
<b>Interest</b>						
01/30/2026			Chase Depreciation Account		0.06	0.06
		Total Interest		0.00	0.06	0.06
<b>Membership Dues</b>						
01/27/2026		PayPal	Deposit		220.01	220.01
		Total Membership Dues		0.00	220.01	220.01
<b>VE Testing Fees</b>						
01/27/2026		PayPal	Deposit		29.22	29.22
01/27/2026			Donation to cover new hams		1,000.00	1,029.22
		Total VE Testing Fees		0.00	1,029.22	1,029.22
		Total Income		0.00	1,368.89	1,368.89
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>Administrative Budget</b>						
<b>Dues</b>						
<b>NARCC Dues</b>						
01/20/2026		Northern Amateur Rel...	Annual dues	20.00		20.00
		Total NARCC Dues		20.00	0.00	20.00
		Total Dues		20.00	0.00	20.00
		Total Administrative Budget		20.00	0.00	20.00
<b>Special Projects</b>						
<b>SAR Topo</b>						
01/20/2026		CalTopo	Annual useage fee	300.00		300.00
		Total SAR Topo		300.00	0.00	300.00
<b>StarLink</b>						
01/20/2026		StarLink		5.00		5.00
01/26/2026		StarLink		36.24		41.24
		Total StarLink		41.24	0.00	41.24
		Total Special Projects		341.24	0.00	341.24
		Total Expense		361.24	0.00	361.24
		Net Ordinary Income		361.24	1,368.89	1,007.65
		<b>Net Income</b>		<b>361.24</b>	<b>1,368.89</b>	<b>1,007.65</b>

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**San Benito County Amateur Radio Association**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
 To January 30, 2026

	Jan - Dec 26	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Donation - Corporate/Employee	100.00	1,200.00
Donation - General	19.60	1,000.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	119.60	2,200.00
<b>Grants</b>		
Grant - IBM	0.00	1,000.00
Grant - Other	0.00	3,000.00
Monterey Peninsula Foundation	0.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	0.00	9,000.00
Holiday Party Income	0.00	200.00
Interest	0.06	400.00
Membership Dues	220.01	750.00
Other Income	0.00	50.00
SBCARA Clothing Purchase	0.00	500.00
VE Testing Fees	1,029.22	1,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	1,368.89	14,600.00
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Administrative Budget</b>		
Club Promotion Expense	0.00	500.00
<b>Dues</b>		
NARCC Dues	20.00	20.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	20.00	20.00
Ham Club Online	0.00	50.00
Holiday Party	0.00	550.00
<b>Insurance</b>		
Insurance - Equipment	0.00	300.00
Insurance - Liability	0.00	300.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	0.00	600.00
Office Expense	0.00	50.00
SBCARA Clothing Expense	0.00	500.00
VE Testing Expense	0.00	1,000.00
Work Session Refreshments	0.00	250.00
<b>Total Administrative Budget</b>	20.00	3,520.00
<b>DOC Expenses</b>		
Cameras	0.00	0.00
Feedline Improvements	0.00	250.00

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Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	500.00
<b>Total DOC Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>Equipment Budget</b>		
Base Radio (Digital/Alalog)	0.00	1,000.00
HF Antenna	0.00	1,500.00
Misc Equipment Items	0.00	100.00
Repeater Upgrades & Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00
Solar Generator, portable	0.00	5,000.00
Trailer Equipment	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Equipment Budget</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>		
Rural School Project	0.00	200.00
SAR Topo	300.00	300.00
Sea Otter	0.00	200.00
StarLink	41.24	150.00
Weather Station	0.00	400.00
<b>Total Special Projects</b>	<b>341.24</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>361.24</b>	<b>14,620.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,007.65</b>	<b>-20.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,007.65</b>	<b>-20.00</b>

**SBCARA**  
**ACCOUNT BALANCES**  
**As of January 31, 2026**



Chase checking: General Fund	8,111.60
Chase savings: Depreciation Fund	7,718.66
Axos Bank savings account	12,868.71
PayPal account	48.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,747.30</b>