

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association

San Benito County ARES/ACS/RACES

3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023

meeting minutes

7:00 pm, Thursday, November 1, 2018

1. Call to Order: by Tim at 1901 hrs
2. Attending: Tim W6TST, Jack W6KRK, George N6GWH, Dave KD6LSH, Sara KJ6SAS, Gary K5CHP
3. Secretary Report – Sara KJ6SAS – October meeting minutes approved.
4. Treasurer Report – no report
5. Net Control - November – Tony KK6ROU; December – Sara KJ6SAS
January - February –
Jack offer to coach/Elmer any new hams as Net Control
6. Business:
 - a. Oct 4 – 6 – SBC Fair – Tim W6TST reported that everything went well with limited support. A lot of Ham Cram flyers were handed out. Next year emphasize outreach to kids. Ad hoc committee to be formed for 2019...
 - b. Oct 6 – California QSO, W6KRK, N6SBC stations participating.
 - c. Oct 6 - ARES Simulated Emergency Test – Tim W6TST
 - d. Oct 18 – Great California Shake Out Drill – Tim W6TST 12 check ins.
 - e. Oct 20 - Discovery Classic – Tim reporting for Ron and Tony. Some logistical, signage and communication issues. Participants were very enthusiastic. Chamber of Commerce has ideas for improvements, otherwise positive reviews.
 - f. Oct 27 - TekNova science fair - Heatherly N6HKT helped Kevin Bonvie KB6ECV
 - g. Call Mountain Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) – Tim reported that there are programming issues, not resolved in time for the Discovery Classic.
 - h. San Juan repeater – no report
 - i. SAR/GIS Workshop – Tim W6TST attended a 3 day workshop, covered future SAR equipment.
 - j. Ham Fun Night – Jack W6KRK November 8 – revised George N6GWH and Gary K5CHP emergency set-ups and portable operating December 13 – “Show and Tell Night”

Break for the SBCARA weekly net. Tim W6TST Net Control.

5. New Business:
 - a. Board elections, Survey Monkey: Nov 8 Last day.
 - i. Treasurer – Ron has withdrawn his name; Tim will contact voters to re-submit vote
 - b. Club T-shirts - Mel: “For the t-shirt and hats, the price for the hats are \$14 and t-shirts \$22 (higher quality performance material, 3 color logos front and back). I would like the club to vote on subsidizing the cost when paying their 2019 dues. Here is my recommendation on pricing: \$20 club dues; \$32 club dues and hat (save \$2); \$40 club dues and t-shirt (save \$2); \$50 club dues, hat and t-shirt (save \$6). The subsidized funds can be taken out the budget items already approved for membership and club rebranding”. Motion to approve, seconded, ayes approve. Tim will post a notice on the website; Sara will send out a notice with meeting minutes.
 - c. New Network/Satellite Team – Tim changed the “digital team”. County OES needs more qualified network technicians. Tim has a pod, satellite support, network, telecommunications platform. The dish is large and not easily portable, heavy weight and stable. Tim would like volunteer team to become familiar with the location and operation. Gary, Dave, Jack, George are interested.
 - d. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Team – Tim reported that the Sheriff’s Dept is enthusiastic about APRS tracking, SAR Topo software (free web-based SARTopo.com),

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mapping. Tim is looking for volunteers to run APRS, drones and operators. Dave, Gary, Jack volunteered.

- e. Website consultant – Tim W6TST – request funding \$60 to have GoDaddy clean up the site to fix glitches. Jack motioned to approve \$100, all seconded and approved.
- f. Gary noted that the Monterey Peninsula Foundation has solicited a grant from SBCARA. Gary will look into details.
- g. Hernandez repeater project – Tim W6TST Grant in process from FEMA through Cal OES in progress for equipment, ~\$2K. CalFire has a tower at Hernandez peak that we might be able to use.
- h. Nov 10, 8am VE exam licensing, San Benito Co Sheriff's office – Tim reported about 12 people signed up.
- i. Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Parade, Hollister
- j. Nov 23 - Lights On Parade, Hollister
- k. Dec 01 - Jeep Toy Drive in Fresno County, SBC SAR attending. Contact Tim or Tod with SAR if interested.
- l. Dec 01 - San Juan Bautista Holiday Parade
- m. Dec 6 - Board Meeting Year end budget –establish 2019 budget
- n. Dec 14 - Holiday Party in lieu of club meeting. Valley Pizzeria. Venue questioned, possible to go to Pizza Factory. Tim will contact SAR and CERT. Sara to email coordinate with Mel, Dave and Tim.
- o. Disperse items from Don Brice and Dave Andrus, currently in the back of the DOC. Jack authorized to contact Ham and Hi-Fi, buyers of used ham equipment.
- p. DOC clean up day is way overdue – move to January agenda.
- q. 2019 Club Calendar - Folks to add Ham crams and other club event dates when they can.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gGWiHHvPaROqjuFTFB1LXev8uos1rpJBAPvQ9NtcCfU/edit?usp=drivesdk>
Tim recommended cancelling July meeting, scheduled for the 4th. Jack will add Ham Fun calendar events. Tim will also have the calendar on the website.

Adjourn 2030 hrs.