

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association

San Benito County ARES/ACS/RACES

The Pizza Factory, San Juan Bautista, CA

meeting minutes

7:00 pm, Thursday, June 7, 2018

1. Call to Order – Mel KK6MES
Introductions, attending: Mel KK6MES, Gary K5CHP, Tony KK6ROU, Richard KK6UCE, Jennifer KJ6EST, Dave KD6LSH, Tim W6TST, Sara KJ6SAS, Sally KK6AXE, Heatherly N6HKT, Michael KK6HXB, Cheri KK6IWY, Kevin KM6OMQ, Ron KD6ZXG
2. Secretary Report – Sara KJ6SAS
 - a. May meeting Minutes - approved
 - b. Newsletter update – Mel KK6MES - postponed
3. Treasurer Report – Scott K6ASA (not present)
 - a. Scott's reports displayed for review
 - b. Heatherly N6HKT submitted expenses for the new ARES/RACES/SAR banner which she also displayed
4. Ongoing Business
 - a. Discovery Classic Update – Saturday, October 20 - Ron KD6ZXG, Heatherly N6HKT Ron reporting – the bicycle race has been simplified to two rides: 1) family ride through Tres Pinos and 2) Gravel Grinder ride, paved and gravel roads through Browns Valley, Panoche and Cienega. Maps were distributed. Sal KM6EQV will be printing enlarged maps. Lack of cell phone coverage in areas will require ham communications. Call Mountain repeater and a second mobile repeater may be used. Ron is investigating sites for a temporary repeater. 10 – 15 hams needed. New hams were encouraged to volunteer to assist and will be partnered with more experienced hams/elmers. Mudstone HHSVRA rest stop will be hosted and supported by Hollister Hills SVRA. Other local businesses may host other rest stops. Sign up on SBCARA website or email Ron.
 - b. Club Rebranding Update - Mel KK6MES presented two new logo options. A link to an online vote will be emailed.
 - c. Tim W6TST presentation Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS):
 - Call Mountain
 - Old approach – Use existing Kenwood TM-D700 and Davis Vantage Pro 2 (\$595+) APRS Data Logger (\$195+) = \$828.26 (w/ tax & shipping)
 - New Approach – Use Byonics Tiny Trak 4 KIT (MTTB-40 - \$288) and Peet Bros Ultimeter 100 Kit (\$368) - \$656 (w/ shipping)
 - Trackers
 - Propose division of asset purchases - SBC ARA buys the radio gear – . . . SAR buys the Trackers
 - Kenwood TM-D710GA (\$610) + Interface Cable (\$37) = \$606.94 (w/ discount & shipping)
 - Byonics Micro Trak AIO – (\$260)
 - Byonics Micro Trak MTT4B – (\$280) – 8 Watt w/ GPS – (\$310) 40 Watt w/ GPS
 - d. San Juan repeater – Tony KK6ROU and Ron KD6ZXG will set up a time to locate appropriate sites for a UHF repeater in San Juan Canyon. Especially needed about 2 – 3 miles up. Dick and Tony are with the Fire Safe Council that may offer financial support. A FEMA or CA Cap and Trade grant might also be available. Tony estimates cost at ~\$2000. The city of San Juan Bautista may benefit from the repeater in areas where HT's cannot hit the Hollister repeater.

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- e. Ham Fun Night, May report – Jack W6KRK (not present) Mel KK6MES reporting – no Ham Fun night in June. Instead there will be participation in Field Day at Christmas Hill Park. Tim will post a notice on the website.
 - f. Parade Banner for communications vehicle - Heatherly - displayed
 - g. Thursday Net Control June Sal KM6EQV (Jack, Tim back up)
5. Current Business
- a. SAR APRS Project / Demo (see 4.c.)
 - b. Saturday morning June 16th, 9 am - Saddle Horse Show Downtown Parade. Heatherly reported that SBCARA will be using the command vehicle. Hams welcome to join. 100 volunteers are needed to cover the entire event.
 - c. Saturday June 23rd - Field Day at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy (see 4.e.)
 - d. Ham Fun Night – July – no updates.
 - e. Thursday Net Control – first time hams welcomed!
 - July - Sally KK6AXE and Dave KD6LSH
 - August – Heatherly N6HKT and Jennifer KJ6EST
 - September – Kevin KM6OMQ
 - f. Saturday July 14 – Amateur radio study and license testing, San Benito Sheriff's Office, Hollister. Heatherly had flyers available. New tech pool exam starts in July.
 - g. Tuesday, August 7 – National Night Out - Tim announced the dinner time event, opportunity for outreach and PR for ham radio.
 - h. Thursday, September 6 – Yellow Command Exercise Tim, details to follow on this emergency drill exercise in partnership with Monterey OES.

Adjourn 2000 hrs.