

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association

San Benito County ARES/ACS/RACES

3226 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023

Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm, Thursday, April 5, 2018

1. 7:00pm Call to Order – Mel KK6MES

a. Introductions

Attending: Mel KK6MES	Tim W6TST	Sal KM6EQV
Ron KD6ZXG	Tony KK6ROU	John KJ6KQI
Heatherly N6HKT	Kevin KM6OMQ	Jack W6KRK
Dave KD6LSH	Gary K5CHP	Sara KJ6SAS

Ron KK7GO Section Emergency Coordinator for the Santa Clara Valley (SCV)

2. Secretary Report – Sara KJ6SAS

- March Meeting Minutes approved
- Newsletter update – Mel KK6MES is finishing up the second edition of our quarterly newsletter, coming out next week. It will be online with links.

3. Treasurer Report – Scott K6ASA was not able to attend but sent reports ahead of accounting transactions for Feb/March/April and current Balance Worksheet; presented by Sara and approved as is.

4. Previous Business

- Sea Otter Classic Update – Tim W6TST reporting: 30 hams signed up for the event. Dave KD6LSH and Jim Tripp will assist Tim with coordinating staging. Back Country staging area will be outside the arena. Grand Fondo road race will stage inside the arena grounds. Gary K5CHP and Ron KD6ZXG have worked on improving maps. Drivers will all be using identical maps. Three repeaters will be used on the Carmel Valley route. One on Mt Toro. Ron also set up a repeater on Chews Ridge in Los Padres Nat. Forrest to provide coverage. It was recommended to have a map showing where each repeater should be used. Ron will borrow a DOC white board for tracking communications. Ron's wife will scribe for him but assistance from another ham would be appreciated. Priority traffic will need to be secured for the repeaters on that day.
- Discover Classic Update – Saturday, October 20 - Ron KD6ZXG is requesting volunteers from neighboring ham clubs as well as local. A coordinator has been hired, working for the Chamber of Commerce. Ron and Tony KK6ROU are representing SBCARA, Ron as liaison. Four different races. Contact Ron.
- MPF Grant – Gary K5CHP noted that the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, funded by golf tournaments, is offering grant monies. Grants for specific projects are encouraged. Suggestions presented: trackers for cars, San Juan Canyon repeater (see new business). Tony KK6ROU presented ideas from the Fire Safe Council.
- Club Rebranding Update- Mel KK6MES Mailing lists – Mel has consolidated a list of all hams who want to receive meeting notices and reminders via mail chimp. Mel and Tim will synchronize a mailing list. Includes ARES, CERT, SAR, ham cram attendees.
- Ham Cram Update – Heatherly N6HKT Next Ham Cram and Testing will be May 5 in Gilroy, Community Room, Gilroy Police Dept. 10 people already signed up. Heatherly noted that 30,000 new hams have been licensed for the U.S. last year, which means 0.2% were from SBCARA host testing. Target has donated refreshments for the ham cram.
- Call Mountain APRS – Tim W6TST work on hold until after SOC

