

# CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

## February 9, 2017

### Board Members:

President – Andy Ludlum  
Secretary – Zak Cohen  
Education – Norm Campbell  
Public Relations – Joe Sprissler  
Newsletter – Stu Forman  
Member at Large – Charles Pember(Absent)  
Guest – Ben Kuo

Vice President – Tim Wheeler  
Treasurer- Christian Ylagan (Absent)  
Operations – Ben Herrera (Absent)  
Tech Coordinator – Eric Peterson  
Member at Large – Adrian Jarrett  
Member at Large - Mark Horner  
Guest – Bill Wilcox

Meeting called to order: 19:27 PM by Andy Ludlum

- 1 Reviewed and approved minutes of previous meeting
  - a. Request to add last names or call signs to minutes
  - b. Minutes approved
- 2 **Treasurer's Report** – Reviewed notes prepared and submitted by Christian
  - a. Accepted as read
  - b. Abbreviated report sent to Ben Herrera for website
- 3 **Presidents Report** – Andy Ludlum
  - a. Dues reminders thru March sent by Andy Ludlum. Question about members that have April expiration date which he will clarify with Christian Ylagan.
  - b. March meeting will have Eric bringing the coffee and Mark Horner bringing cookies.
  - c. February pre-meeting dinner will be at Don Cucos, 254 W Los Angeles Ave, Moorpark Pizza. **ACTION ITEM** - Marc Horner will send list of this year's restaurants to Andy Ludlum.
  - d. Ben Kuo discussed a request for the Boy Scout Camporee. Last year CVARC provided two prizes totaling about \$50.00 (FRS hand held and a Technician Manual). A booth was provided where the Scouts could talk over Amateur Frequencies from the Camporee to the Area 2 ACS mobile trailer. There was a Morse Code contest and Radio Merit badges were awarded. There were 373 scouts and 108 adults. This year the Camporee will be on April 22, 2017. Ben Kuo will be asking for volunteers later and requested the CVARC banner. Ben asked for funds for this year's similar prizes. **MOTION** – Andy Ludlum proposed a \$70 maximum budget for prizes, Seconded by Norm Campbell, unanimous approval.
  - e. There was a review of the Holiday Party. Mark Horner reported that there were 34 responses which included 70% (24) who attended and 30% (10) who did not attend. Those that did not attend stated – Not available to attend (6), Cost too high (1), not interested (2). Ninety percent said that they are likely to attend next year. There were many good comments. A discussion was held about CVARC

subsidizing members and family attendance. 25 approved of the subsidy and 9 disapproved. It was concluded that the term “subsidy” was incorrect and caused a misunderstanding of the situation. CVARC pays for field day costs, Pizza, meeting refreshments, and other costs of the social part of the club. CVARC paid for about half the banquet costs and asked members to help offset the event. Next year we should discuss members share and also ask for member’s suggestions about the event. The event should be publicized more.

- f. **ACTION ITEM** – Put a discussion on next month’s agenda about a March or April field event possibly at TO High School.
- 4 **Project’s Committee** –
    - a. Eight suggested projects were discussed. **ACTION ITEM** – Eric Peterson and Adrian Jarrett will flesh out details/costs of the projects and get that information to Mark Horner who will create a member survey to help make the final selection of 2-3 projects for this year. **ACTION ITEM** – Mark Horner will create a survey by the next meeting for Andy Ludlum.
  - 5 **Vice Presidents Report** –
    - a. The February meeting will be on JT65 given by Jaap. This is a replacement for Bob Heil who will not be available and will be rescheduled for June. We still successfully tested Skype as a presentation tool.
    - b. **ACTION ITEM** – Andy Ludlum will send information on the speaker to Stu Forman for the newsletter and will post on the website. He will also post to CVARC Yahoo group.
    - c. Next month there will be a speaker on ATV. **ACTION ITEM** – Andy Ludlum will create an updated speaker list.
    - d. There will be a March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Speakers Committee.
    - e. We need to Thank Jaap for volunteering at such a short notice.
  - 6 **Operations Report** –
    - a. No report
  - 7 **Discuss proposal to accept tax deductible donations for redirection-**
    - a. Discussion on whether to accept charitable donations from groups and pass them through to private parties for ham related projects, such as repeaters.
    - b. Brad Ormsby (Our CPA) said this was likely not something intended under the rules and could be a violation of our 501(c)3 Charter.
    - c. Unanimous vote not to accept such donation.
  - 8 **Reports from Members at Large** –
    - a. Adrian Jarret and Mark Horner had no report
  - 9 **Education** –

- a. March we will have a General and Technician License class starting on March 4<sup>th</sup> for 5 Saturdays. Mornings will be General (9-1) and afternoons (1-5) will be Technician at ECSS – Zak Cohen and Bill Wilcox ready for events.
- b. April or May possible CW class.
- c. This information should be sent to Jim Fortney for ARRL publications.

#### 10 Newsletter –

- a. Stu Forman sent out proposed newsletter. He will swap out speakers.
- b. HamCam is a regular feature to showcase members' favorite QSL cards, awards, shack designs or interesting equipment. This is aimed at engaging members with the website and newsletter.
- c. **ACTION ITEM** – Andy Ludlum will ask Stu Forman to talk about this briefly at the next meeting.
- d. Discussion on paid or free advertising in the newsletter – how should it be priced and sold – to be discussed at a future time.

#### 11 Website Updates –

- a. No report

#### 12 Public Relations –

- a. Joe Sprissler informed the board that Information on Bob Heil, CVARC Classes, next month's speaker and the VE session has been published in local papers.
- b. **ACTION ITEM** – Joe Sprissler/Norm Campbell should forward information to Jim Fortney to see if he can advertise it through ARRL channels.

#### New Business –

Bill Wilcox discussed the raffle prizes. He suggested that the grand prize each week should be from \$50 to \$100. The second prize should be \$20 to \$50 and other prizes should be under \$20 equalizing \$130 per meeting. This should be equal out to the weekly costs.

He said that sometimes Harbor Freight has sales on Solar Panels but it was suggested that we look at other suppliers that may have lower prices. Other prizes suggested were Raspberry Pi, Cordless drills, Heat gun, fire extinguishers, other stuff close to ham radio. Because we've had so many HT's in raffles of the past year, we've decided to give that category a rest.

Motion – Tim Wheeler made a motion that we budget \$130 for each monthly raffle, Adrian Jarrett seconded, passed without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 21:15 PM

Submitted by: Zak Cohen N6PK