

CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018

Board Members:

President – Stu Forman
Secretary – Andy Ludlum
Education – Bill Willcox
Public Relations – Joe Sprissler
Newsletter – Stu Forman
Social – Mike Felio

Vice President – Mark Horner
Treasurer- Christian Ylagan
Operations – Steve Gillis (Absent)
Tech Coordinator – Adrian Jarrett (Absent)
Member at Large – Ben Herrera (Absent)
Member at Large – Zak Cohen (Absent)
Member at Large - Tim Wheeler

Visitors:

Meeting called to order: 18:57 by Stu Forman

- 1 Minutes** - The Board reviewed and accepted minutes of previous meeting as written.
 - Action items were reviewed.
 - Andy Ludlum gave Stu Forman a list of the people from who we need either complete or updated roster information. **Stu will mention at the club meeting.**
 - Andy Ludlum reported the donated Yaesu FT-1000 MP HF transceiver received a good bill of health after being checked by Ben Kuo. It was decided to do an auction of the radio, promoting it in the newsletter, Yahoo group and the Facebook page. **Stu will post.** Minimum bid is \$500. Similar used radios are selling on eBay from between \$850 to \$1300. Interested club members can submit their bids to info@cvarc.org. Bidding will be open until the July club meeting. **Andy will bring the radio to the June meeting for members to examine.**
 - **Stu Forman will bring donated antennas for giveaway at the June meeting.**
- 2 Treasurer's Report** – Christian - Accepted
 - 36 people have paid for the BBQ. Club has to pay for 60.
 - 42 members still need to pay their May club membership renewals.
 - **Stu will mention both issues at the June meeting.**
 - **After the June meeting, Christian will send Andy an updated roster and Andy will send reminder emails to those who have not responded.**
- 3 Presidents Report** – Stu Forman
 - The Yahoo group was discussed. There is some concern Yahoo is losing interest in supporting groups and may at some time in the future discontinue the service. Some other groups have had trouble with Yahoo's reliability. There was concern expressed that we might lose contact with a significant number of members if they don't choose to opt-in to a new news group on groups.io or some other

service. It was decided by the board to hold off on any action on changing to groups.io for now, though we may revisit the issue if warranted in the future.

- Discussed the future of the website and if there is a need to change to a more accessible content management system such as Word Press. It was decided to form a subcommittee of Stu, Mark and Andy to discuss what we would like the website to do and the costs involved in making a transition. The subcommittee is to come back to the board with a plan.
- Mark Horner reviewed past club surveys on projects to help in deciding on a Fall club project. It was noted antenna projects remain very popular. The projects with the most member interest were:
 - Magnetic loop antenna
 - Copper j-pole
 - APRS tracker

Mark will pass on the survey information and board discussion highlights to Adrian Jarrett. It was noted there is a Facebook group called DIY Magnetic Loop with kits for mag-loop antennas.

- June 21st meeting: Mike Felio coffee, Zak Cohen cookies. The pre-meeting dinner will be Brent's Deli, 2799 Townsgate Road in Westlake Village. Junkyard Cafe is scheduled for July. Mike Felio will get the restaurant list for next quarter out to all board members.

4 Vice Presidents Report – Mark Horner

- Thursday, June 21, 2018 –Emergency Preparedness. Bill Boyd, Emergency Manager with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services will discuss emergency preparedness and communication in Ventura County. Andy will bring a laptop with a serial port.
- Upcoming Speakers: Thursday, July 19, 2018 – Logging Software: Adrian Jarrett-K6KY, Rick Slater-AG6AY, Stu Sheldon-AG6AG and Dean Nedelman-K6DIN will present a panel presentation about several of the more popular logging software programs, such as N1MM, N3FJP, Logger32 and Ham Radio Deluxe. Program is taking shape.
- August and September are still taking shape. Next Speaker's Committee meeting is August 29.

5 Operations – Steve Gillis (Absent)

- Plans look good for Field Day (June 23-24, setup Friday 22nd). The second meeting at Pickles was well attended and any outstanding issues were resolved.

6 Reports from Members at Large – Tim Wheeler

- Tim used funds from the education donation to purchase Tech license manuals for use by the club in training classes. The Tech question pool changes July 1st.

7 Technical – Adrian Jarrett (Absent)

- Bill Willcox reported the first Basic Radio Tech Talk will be on antennas on July 18th. Location: Thousand Oaks City Hall Oak Room. Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Presenters: Bill Willcox, Education Coordinator, Adrian Jarett, Technical Guru, Zac Cohen, member at large, CVARC. They will discuss the types and sizes of practical amateur radio antennas that new hams can build or buy and install.

- Andy will add this information to the news section of the website.

8 Education – Bill Willcox

- The General license training classes will begin on the July 14th, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for five weeks.
- The Technician license training classes will begin on July 21st, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for four weeks. The VE session is scheduled for August 12th.
- Bill will send a short write-up on this for the website to Andy.

9 Newsletter – Stu Forman

- The preliminary newsletter will be sent shortly to the Board for review.

10 Social – Mike Felio

- Mike will be getting the club credit card from Christian for use on Field Day weekend. He will be buying pizza for the Friday set-up crew, paying for the Wood Ranch BBQ, and buying bagels etc. for Sunday morning. Kat Hunley is taking care of ice, water and soda. Christian will contact Wells Fargo next week to make sure the Wood Ranch charge is pre-authorized.

11 Website Updates – Ben Herrera - Absent

12 Public Relations – Joe Sprissler

- Meeting announcements and Field Day announcements have appeared in the Acorn. Joe sent out Field Day invitations to elected officials and served agencies. It looks like Supervisor Parks will visit again, especially when she learned we get extra points! Congresswoman Brownley's staff says the event is on her schedule, not a guarantee, but it is on the schedule. Andy gave Joe CVARC brochures for the PR table. Andy will talk to Jeff Reinhardt and ask him to send Joe a scan of the Board of Supervisors proclamation of June being Amateur Radio Month in Ventura County and some pictures for the PR table.

13 Other Items: None

Meeting adjourned at 20:30

Submitted by: Andy Ludlum – K6AGL