

CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 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
Tech Coordinator – Adrian Jarrett
Member at Large – Ben Herrera (Absent)
Member at Large – Zak Cohen
Member at Large - Tim Wheeler (Absent)

Visitors: Warren Wegerer – K6WKW

Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Meeting called to order: 19:02 by Stu Forman

1 Minutes - The Board reviewed and accepted the minutes of previous meeting as written.

- Action items were reviewed. All had been completed. Mike Felio is going to take the boxes of club supplies that Zak Cohen has in the radio room. Bill Willcox volunteered to help Steve Gillis and Mike Felio with obtaining the reservation for the picnic area for the October 6th mini Field Day.

2 Treasurer's Report – Christian - Accepted

- Christian prepared a special accounting on Field Day expenses vs. revenue. In particular, the cost of the BBQ, number of tickets sold, etc. Field Day remains one of the club's largest expenses, primarily due to the cost of the catered BBQ. Now that we have a Social chair it was discussed if we would like to take on the grilling and either make or purchase the sides. Christian Ylagan volunteer to be the Field Day BBQ master. With Mike to organize the BBQ, the Board felt comfortable with the idea of no longer catering the BBQ and saving somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,000.
- Andy Ludlum is emailing reminders to past-due members. This is a second notice and they will have received them before the club meeting.

3 Presidents Report – Stu Forman

- August 16th meeting: Mike Felio coffee, Joe Sprissler cookies. Bill Willcox will bring cookies for September, Mike will take care of the coffee. The pre-meeting dinner will be at Don Cucos, 254 W. Los Angeles Avenue, Moorpark, 805-523-2261.
- Website: The Board reviewed a live demo of the new club website. The site uses WordPress which is easily learned and access can be granted to anyone

interested in learning how to add new material. The website replaces the club newsletter, though nearly all the regular newsletter content will continue to appear on the site. It was thought this approach will make the club's website more dynamic with lots of fresh material added to the site throughout the month. There is no cost for using WordPress and because we did the work, there was no web designer fee. The Board unanimously approved making the new site live. Andy Ludlum will contact Stu Sheldon who will make the cutover. (Accomplished Friday, 8/10/2018) Andy and Stu Forman will serve as web contacts for Board members or club members who have material they'd like to contribute to the site. We can display articles, pictures, posts and even videos.

- Club Project: Adrian Jarrett showed a prototype for a Mag Loop Antenna project. Adrian estimates the project will cost between \$80 and \$160 depending on the size of the tuning capacitor (choice of either 20 watts or 50-100 watts). Adrian is suggesting we do the build at his house rather than at the Sheriff's station. A target date of November 10th was set. **Adrian will preview the project at the August 16 club meeting. He will be looking for money and firm reservations by the September 20th meeting.**

4 Vice Presidents Report – Mark Horner

- Thursday, August 16, 2018 – "I Just Got My Amateur Radio License..Now What?" Stu Sheldon-AG6AG continues our theme of providing information for newly licensed Hams. Stu offers common sense advice on a variety of topics from buying the right radio, setting up antennas as well as suggestions on activities where you can put your new ham privileges to good use.
- Thursday, September 20, 2018 – What's New With the ARRL? John Kitchens, NS6X, the new Santa Barbara Section Manager for the American Radio Relay League will talk about the activities of the only association representing amateur radio operators at the federal level. There are 1100 hams in the Santa Barbara section which consists of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. Kitchens told Andy Ludlum he is bringing something for our raffle.
- Next Speaker's Committee meeting is August 29th.

5 Operations – Steve Gillis

- Steve says the Morse Group will have a dedicated station at the October 6th mini Field Day operating on 28.053.
- Steve followed up with the school district regarding any final charges that might be due for use of the school facilities for Field Day, so far, none.

6 Reports from Members at Large

- Zak Cohen is taking care of reserving the Community Room at the Sheriff's station for next year's club meetings and VE sessions.

7 Technical – Adrian Jarrett

- See Mag loop project above

8 Education – Bill Willcox

- There is one more license class left to be held this Saturday. Bill felt summer might be a bad time for classes as several students dropped out due to vacation plans. Two Tech and one General student are expected at Sunday's VE session.
- Technician and General license training classes will begin in September. General classes (8:00 am – noon) are set to start September 15th and go for five weeks. Technician classes (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm) start September 22nd and go for four weeks. The VE session is scheduled for October 14th. Zak will talk about these classes at the August 16th club meeting.
- The next Basic Radio Tech Talk will be on digital modes and operation. Bill is actively recruiting members who'd like to present on modes such as PSK-31 or FT-8. Date: to be scheduled, after the club meeting in October. Likely location: Thousand Oaks City Hall Oak Room, still being confirmed.
- Bill will make contacts with area middle and high schools about CVARC exhibiting at Science Fairs, etc.

9 Publisher – Stu Forman

- The newsletter is no more. Instead, the material is being incorporated in the new website. Stu will still be looking for regular contributions.

10 Social – Mike Felio

- Mike will be determining a location for the November pre-meeting dinner shortly.

August
 Don Cuco Mexican Restaurant
 254 W. LA Avenue Moorpark

September
 Szechuan Garden
 484 E. LA Avenue Moorpark

October
 Bandit's Bar and Grill
 589 N. Moorpark Rd. Thousand Oaks

11 Public Relations – Joe Sprissler

- Joe reported the next meeting announcements have been appearing as desired in the Acorn.

12 Other Items: Warren Wegerer -K6WKW suggested an idea for a CVARC clinic in which we'd measure the deviation on handhelds and make necessary adjustments on the spot. Zak Cohen says ACS has a deviation meter and it could be made available for a clinic. Zak says he knows how to adjust the Alinco radios at the EOC's but is not familiar with how the adjustments are done on handhelds. The board liked the idea and will discuss further in future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 20:40
Submitted by: Andy Ludlum – K6AGL