

# CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

## January 10, 2019

### Board Members:

President – Stu Forman

Secretary – Andy Ludlum

Education – Kat Hunley

Public Relations – Paul Van Zuyle

Editor/Publisher – Stu Forman

Social – Mike Felio

Vice President – Brett Price

Treasurer- Christian Ylagan (Absent)

Operations – Bill Willcox

Tech Coordinator – Adrian Jarrett

Member at Large – Zak Cohen

Member at Large – Mark Horner (Absent)

Member at Large – Diane Wainwood

**Visitors:** None

Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Meeting called to order: 19:00 by Stu Forman

- 1 **Minutes** - The Board reviewed and accepted the minutes of previous meeting with one correction. All action items were completed.
- 2 **Treasurer's Report** – Christian – pending
  - It was discussed we have now received \$3000 in 2018 grants.
- 3 **Presidents Report** – Stu Forman
  - Plans, Goals and Ideas for 2019:
    1. T-hunting or foxhunting. There was strong interest in doing some t-hunting again, perhaps in conjunction with a summer picnic and a club project to build an antenna and an attenuator. Diane agreed to look into dates and logistics and report back.
    2. There was a discussion of about continuing the Tech Talks. Kat wanted to think about the time commitment involved. Bill, Stu and other board members offered to help with planning and execution of tech talks. Some ideas included; repeating the basic talks already done on a regular basis, a talk at a club event on how to set up a station in the field and a talk/demo of proper soldering techniques.
    3. There was also strong interest in having a summer picnic again, perhaps related to item 1. The primary emphasis would be on socializing and family would be invited. Suggested date was sometime in August. Mike will begin planning.
  - Disposition of donated Kenwood TS-520
    1. The radio is not in working order. According to Ben Kuo, who tested the radio, it won't change frequencies as many once movable parts appear to be rusted. Speaker doesn't work. It was decided the radio has little value to the club. Stu will offer the radio to Ben, if he doesn't want it, it will be put out on the table at a meeting and offered to members for parts.

- January 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Zak is bringing cookies, Mike will bring coffee.
- Pre-Meeting Dinner: Bandits, 589 N. Moorpark.

#### **4 Vice Presidents Report – Brett Price**

- January 17th Speaker: Power: Something all hams need is clean, reliable power. Mark Olson, the son of a ham, has had a 37 year career at Southern California Edison. Mark will give us a brief history of electrical power and discuss modern power systems, electric issues, power emergencies, power safety and radio interference.
- Thursday, February 21, 2019 – Antennas: Ben Kuo-AI6YR has found a way to make almost anything into a serviceable ham radio antenna, even an old bicycle wheel! Ben will talk about his experimentation with antennas and show us some examples of low cost antennas any ham can make with just a little understanding of the basics.
- There was a very productive speakers committee meeting this week. Topics have been selected for the rest of the year and we are firmly booked through March.

#### **5 Operations – Bill Willcox**

- Mini Field Day and Picnic: All set, fees and insurance are taken care of for the event. The hours we have the location (Dos Vientos Community Park, 4801 Borchard Rd., in Newbury Park) are 8am to 5pm.

#### **6 Members at Large**

- Diane – no report
- Mark - absent
- Zak – Zak reported the Holiday Party appeared to have been enjoyed by attendees. As a result, we have reserved the hotel for 2019 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of December. Hors d'oeuvres need some better coordination as we ran out.

#### **7 Technical – Adrian Jarrett**

- Mag Loop Project Wrap Up: 13 antennas were constructed and tested. Despite the build going a little longer than expected (2 full days) the project was well-received by the participants. The work was done in teams so everyone worked on part, but not all of the antenna. But, it was determined there was ample time to observe other groups in order to get a good understanding of how the antenna was constructed.
- Spring Project: As discussed earlier, it looks like a good spring project would be some sort of antenna for t-hunts (club has built a tape measure antenna in the past) and an attenuator.

#### **8 Education – Kat Hunley**

- Planning future classes: Looking at technician classes in May (VE session in June) and extra classes in September (VE session in October.)
- Data base of class attendees: Kat has begun keeping a data base of all class attendees for future contact about membership, club activities and upcoming classes.

#### **9 Editor/Publisher – Stu Forman**

- Website: Stu and Andy Ludlum discussed access to the website as well as new features. It was agreed we need to repeat in meetings, etc. that the website has replaced the newsletter (with far more content) and that we still encourage members to write articles, share pictures or suggest features for the website.

**10 Social** – Mike Felio

- Mini Field Day Plans: Mike will have coffee and bagels for the morning and pizza at midday. It was noted Mike has quite a collection of receipts and it would be nice if he could get together with Christian and be reimbursed.
- Mike has added one month on the pre-meeting dinner list. He will send an update to Andy and Stu.

**11 Public Relations** – Paul Van Zuyle

- Publicity ideas beyond the Acorn: Discussed the “Happenings” publication and the fact that the Star will not run events in the paper anymore. They will put them on their Facebook page. It was decided it would be good for Paul to be an administrator on the CVARC Facebook page. He will “friend” Andy Ludlum so he can add Paul as an administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 20:34

Submitted by: Andy Ludlum – K6AGL