

CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022

Board Members:

President – Ed Zimmermann, N6XW

Vice President – Brad Ormsby, W6VO

Secretary – Craig Grimm, KD6NFD

Treasurer - Christian Ylagan, K6CAY - absent

Education – Keith Elliot, W6KME

Operations – Martin Hickey, AJ6CL

Public Relations – Victor Zeng, W2AYZ - absent

Technical – Nathan Eng, W6EN

Editor/Publisher – Andy Ludlum, K6AGL

Member at Large – Zak Cohen, N6PK

Social – Mike Felio, K6MJF – absent

Member at Large – Warren Wegerer, K6WKW-absent

Member at Large – Phil Bartlett, K6UJO

Member at Large – Ron Topolinski, K6CPR

Visitors: Bill Wilcox, KF6JQO

Action Items are highlighted in yellow.

Meeting called to order at 19:04 by Ed Zimmermann

- Ron and Phil did not receive board emails, Andy checking on email distro config

1. Previous Minutes - The Board reviewed the minutes of previous meeting, 11/11/2021.

- Keith - Hugh Bosma award plaque is engraved, will share picture with Andy
- Ed - finding equipment storage room – in progress
- Zak – review of upcoming ACS meetings - complete
- Warren – new digipeater trustee needed – in progress
- Did Victor agree to accept PR job? – Brad/Ed to follow up
- It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve minutes as submitted.

2. Treasurer's Report –

- Reviewed financials for November and December
- It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve financials as submitted.
- Northrop Grumman grant – Steve Leong received check for CVARC
- Andy suggested that Ed write a thank you email to Steve
- Brad suggested that Ed write thank you in the next Presidents Message
- Brad suggested making Steve Leong an honorary member, was discussed and deemed non-value and inconsistent.

3. Presidents Report – Ed Zimmermann

- COVID, hopefully peaking soon and wont impact upcoming events
- Announcements planned for 01/20 general meeting
 - Martin – Winter Field Day 01/29
 - Zak – ACS / Covid plans
 - Keith – Sat morning radio school starting in April after Tech class in March.
- Transfer of Club Packet Callsign (KJ6EUS) from Trustee Tim Wheeler K6POI

- The board voted in favor of having Ed Zimmermann-N6XEW become the new trustee for club's packet callsign (KJ6EUS), replacing Tim Wheeler.
- Bosma Award engraving - completed per Keith
- Status of in person meetings at Sheriffs station – Zak
 - No response from contacts, assuming no in person meetings for awhile
 - Feb and likely March meetings to be held via Zoom
- Transfer of raffle wheel - Bill to hold raffle wheel until storage is worked out

4. Vice Presidents Report –Ed/Brad

- Speakers Committee –

Thursday, January 20, 2022 – COMPACTenna: “Dr. Jack” Nilsson-N8NDL is an inventor of revolutionary antenna science and technology. His various designs are used by many entities including such as the US Secret Service, Washington DC Homeland Security, the Cleveland Clinic Mobile Stroke Ambulance, diverse WiFi and cell phone networks, public service agencies, and ham radio operators. Dr. Nilsson's presentation covers his patented small, yet powerful COMPACTenna antennas.

- Following dates and topics all tentative to be confirmed
- Feb – AMSAT
- March and Apr - TBD
- May – Field Day 2022 - Martin
- June – emergency preparedness
- Jul – Go kits
- Aug – Solar
- Sept -
- Oct – ARRL update
- Nov – WW2 radios
- Dec – holiday party

5. Operations – Martin Hickey

- Winter Field Day, January 29, 2022 at the Dos Vientos Park Venue from 1000 to 1500. Reservations for space have been made.
- Food – club will purchase, Martin to order
- Equipment storage TBD, Martin will follow up with Ed
- Martin had question about insurance policy. Insurance is handled by Christian.
- Insurance renewal coming up Apr 2022
- Bill working on solving interference issues for Field Day. Wants to setup experiment and setup interference help desk. Stu has filter boxes and needs to bring them. Bill will take action to obtain filter boxes from Stu. Will not use multiplexers but use the band path filters. Primarily for 10-15-20 Voice interference.
- June Field Day – Martin is working finding an event location. Will check on Sherwood as primary location. Possible backup location is Fireworks Hill. School district and park district have started charging higher fees. Need to consider location that is easily accessible by public.
- City of TO grants paused and not happening this fiscal year.

6. Reports from Members at Large

- Zak – city is repainting e-comm trailer to include ARES/ACS and provided some new equipment such as monitors. CROP Walk is Mar 6, 2022 – pulling together volunteers, 11 out 15 have already said yes.
- Warren – not present
- Phil – working on library display station, display case not suitable for equipment or access to brochures, will continue investigation.
- Nathan – Fox hunt – working on making keyer for Baofang. Second thinking Foxhunt for Winterfield day due to Covid concerns, maybe table idea until June Field Day. Working on other items for Winter Field Day such as table with morse key, demo of WinLink, etc. Andy mentioned Winter Field Day historically has not been a public event, may not be ideal for outreach. Satellite demo another possible option. Ron suggested APRS texting was a successful demo he has performed in the past.
- Ron shared Fred Barlow AJ6UG connected with Ron at a previous Field Day event and was interested in SOTA. He recently contacted Ron and had obtained license and Ron took him on SOTA activation. This showed value of public outreach.

7. Education – Keith

- Sat radio school will start after Technician class
- Zak asked if Keith can support FT8 questions at WFD. Keith confirmed and has FT8 class, can show how to not create interference for Field Day events
- Current Extra class has shifted to Zoom
- Technician dates are not changing, either in person or Zoom, exam questions are valid until July when they will change.

8. Technical – Nathan

- Looking for different project ideas, is attending local tech meetings, monthly VCACS, Andy M meeting about new Winlink features
- Looking for new trends for low power, cheaper radios, kit project by German hams - micro SDX, \$50 qrp rig
- Nathan has ideas for regular meetings and ways to keep people on same track for building. Asking for ideas for club projects. Zak – antenna projects have historically been popular, tape measure yagi. Bill suggested inexpensive ground plane antenna kit, will offer additional details to Nathan directly. Copper J-poles, 4-1 balun, end fed balun box, small lightweight K6ARK, 10M vertical, soldering clinic. CVARC can support collecting funds for projects.

9. Publisher – Andy

- Already sent email problems to Stu to be fixed for Ron and Phil. Craig to share with Andy the confirmation email and failure notice he received when added to board distro.

10. VE Coordinator – Andy

- In person VE Sessions resumed December 12 with a successful event, all 4 candidates passed exams.
- Next session is February 13, 2022, 8:30 A.M. is in doubt, pending feedback from Zak and direction with Sheriff station. Next will be 2nd weekend of April

11. Public Relations – Victor - not present

12. Social – Mike – not present

New Business:

- **None**

Meeting adjourned at 20:22

Minutes captured and submitted by Craig Grimm

Other Notes:

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Jan 29, 2022 - Winter Field Day at the Dos Vientos Park Venue from 1000 to 1500.
- April 29, 2022 - Science Fair at Walnut Canyon Elementary School, Moorpark to be coordinated by Bill Willcox
- April 2022 - New insurance due
- May 2022 - Renew ARRL Special Service Club designation
- June 25-26, 2022 Field Day
- November 26, 2026 Renew Club Callsign (AA6CV) Trustee – Andy Ludlum – K6AGL
- January 19, 2030 Renew Club Packet Callsign (KJ6EUS) Trustee – Tim Wheeler