

CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022

Board Members:

President	Ed Zimmermann	N6XEW	Vice President	Brad Ormsby	W6VO
Editor/Publisher	Andy Ludlum	K6AGL	Operations	Martin Hickey	AJ6CL
Education	Keith Elliott	W6KME	Public Relations	Victor Zeng	W2AYZ
Member at Large	Zak Cohen	N6PK	Secretary	Craig Grimm	KD6NFD
Member at Large	Warren Wegerer	K6WKW	Social	Mike Felio	K6MJF
Member at Large	Ron Topolinski	K6CPR	Technical	Nathan Eng	W6EN
Member at Large	Phil Bartlett	K6UJO	Treasurer	Christian Ylagan	K6CAY

Absent from meeting: Victor, Christian

Visitors: Bill KF6JQO, Armen W6ADL

Action Items are highlighted in yellow.

Meeting called to order at 19:01 by Ed

1. Previous Minutes - the Board reviewed the minutes of previous meeting 1/13/2022.

- Ron now receiving board emails, issue resolved
- Ed sent thank you letter to Steve for donation
- Equipment storage- Ed has not heard back from Hilton
- Bill received filter boxes from Stu
- Nathan received details of antenna kit
- Minutes approval motioned and approved

2. Treasurer's Report –

- Reviewed financials for January
- Group reviewed, Phil motioned to approve, 2nd by Andy, approved

3. Presidents Report – Ed Zimmermann

- COVID- Latest wave appears to be subsiding. Ventura County indoor mask mandates being lifted Feb 16 per county email.
- Winter Field Day at Dos Vientos Park was well attended, including two new members.
- COMPACTENNA speaker was a success. Handful of members purchased and are still discussing.
- Anyone have announcements or want to speak at the next general meeting?
 - Warren – needs volunteer for repeater trustee transfer. Already transferred to Ed paperwork has been filed.
 - Zak – announcement about ACS
 - Keith – Tech class coming up in March

- Martin – Spring Fling will be announced in March
- Transfer of Club Packet Callsign (KJ6EUS) Trustee – Tim Wheeler – K6POI Form completed and forwarded.
- Any update on the status of in person meetings? – Zak
 - No response, Zak is awaiting a response from Sheriff station
 - Phil noted that correctional facilities do not have permission for volunteers to return in person.
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the following meetings will be held virtually on Zoom:
 - CVARC BOARD MEETING 2/10
 - CVARC GENERAL MEETING 2/17
 - Future meetings TBD
- When in person meetings resume, coffee will be by Mike Felio, cookies by Zak Cohen.
- Ed will be out of town for the next Board meeting on March 10th, 2022
 - Ed will try to prepare agenda before leaving. Brad will fill in with Andy as backup.

4. Vice Presidents / Speakers Report –Ed

- **Thursday, February 17, 2022** –. General Meeting
Topic – **Grounding and Bonding:**
Proper station grounding is important. Tim Duffy-K3LR, CEO of DX Engineering will discuss ways to make sure your station is built using effective grounding and bonding techniques.
- March speaker update from Andy – Cal Poly CubeSat speaker is not available in March, possibly for June. March presentation will be done by Bill Wilcox on Interference research. **Andy to follow up with Bill for a picture of him with radio for web site.**

5. Operations – Martin Hickey

- Spring Fling / Rover round up – moved to Sat April 9 from Sun Apr 10 due to conflict with VE session. Martin to share date on upcoming board nets. Time TBD. Lively discussion on in person versus remote event, rent picnic area or not, BBQ or order premade food. Board consensus to rent picnic area and order sandwiches. **Martin to make reservation for picnic area and order food.**
- Friendly Slow Code net went well tonight, Paul K6PVZ checked in from out of area.
- Field Day 2022 - ARRL has updated Field Day rules and published in newsletter regarding power classifications. As of today, we are go for Sherwood as club Field Day location. **Martin to check for alternate backup site.**

6. Reports from Members at Large

- Zak – Area 2 trailer to be repainted to add ACS/ARES, will be available for Field Day.

- Warren – supports the Rover Roundup
- Phil –requests to receive future board files as attachments not Google link.
- Nathan – move from At Large to Technical in agenda, working on logistics of fox hunt transmitter event
- Ron – requested confirmation of Spring Fling date- Apr 10th.

7. Education – Keith

- Extra class graduated Armen, congrats Armen! Armen has been very active with the club, board will make efforts to get Armen more involved in future.
- Sat morning radio school will be starting Apr 16
- Goal is to have classes at Sheriffs station, Zoom is backup.

8. Technical – Nathan

- Antenna build - survey of what people want to build ready to go out tomorrow. VHF antenna will be simplest. HF antenna would be more advanced option. Ham radio workbench podcast inspired idea for “what’s on your bench”, to discuss in flight projects people are working on.

9. Editor/Publisher – Andy

- Working on radio “brags” for website. Stu Forman showed how he did in Calif QSO party. Will solicit brags and achievements. Pete will be sending pictures and write about 2m sprint contest and focus on contacts in Conejo Valley. Zak to send picture of him and his new radio.

10. VE Coordinator – Andy

- Feb session was cancelled
- Hopeful for Apr 10 VE session in person, attendance will be in person, will be reservation based and limited to 15 people.

11. Public Relations – Victor - not present

- Keith wants to publish Technician Class session (1st Sat in March) in newspapers. Keith will follow up and contact Acorn newspaper.

12. Social – Mike – not present

New Business:

- Phil – is an active VE, Andy to add him to VE distro list. Suggested project- rise in solar cycle coming up, 6m band will be very active and simple antenna build would make a good project.
- Bill – interference mitigation project- need short low loss jumpers between filters, radio, and antennas. 12 jumpers cost about \$400 for LMR400, \$300 for RG8x, self-made \$200. Made proposal to purchase materials to fabricate 3’

cables and make it a club project to assemble cables. Phil motioned to purchase 12 pre-made cables, limit \$400, Andy 2nd, board consensus. Ed to send cable part number to Bill

Meeting adjourned at 20:18

Minutes captured and submitted by Craig KD6NFD

Other Notes:

Important Upcoming Dates:

- April 9 - CVARC Spring Fling
- 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