

CVARC Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

Board Members:

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

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

Visitors: Kat & Robert Hunley

Meeting called to order: 19:00 by Stu Forman

- 1 Minutes** - The Board reviewed and accepted minutes of previous meeting as written.
- 2 Treasurer's Report** – Accepted as published. It was confirmed the donation for the Rasnow Mesh project was taken from the club savings account
- 3 Presidents Report** – Stu Forman
 - a) Stu is going to follow up with Paul Strauss, WD6EBY regarding his progress on the amateur digital mesh system on Rasnow Peak and inquire if he has any receipts yet for the Club.
 - b) CEEF Grant Status: The Thousand Oaks CEEF Grant has been completed and filed. We should know the status by May-early June.
 - c) Renew CVARC's ARRL Special Service Club designation: Zak Cohen will complete and file the necessary application with ARRL before the next board meeting.
 - d) Boy Scout Camporee assistance and prize sponsorship: It was agreed the Club would again support Ben Kuo and the Camporee with a radio-related prize. This year, for \$21.39, the Club is providing a pair of Baofeng BF-8885 radios programmed with 14 FRS channels and two "listen-only" channels on local Amateur Radio repeater frequencies. The Club also received a late request from Ken Miller - K4KEN for someone to set up a station at another Camporee event in Simi. Stu was going to put a notice on the Yahoo group to see if there are any volunteers.
 - e) April 19th meeting: Mike Felio coffee, Andy Ludlum cookies. Bill Willcox volunteered to bring cookies to the May 17th Club meeting. The pre-meeting dinner will be Yolanda's 590 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley.
- 4 Vice Presidents Report** – Mark Horner (Absent)
 - a. Thursday, April 19, 2018 - Contesting: Pete Heins-N6ZE is an active contester and is considered an expert in VHF/UHF contesting. Pete will share tips and tricks as well as discuss the technical aspects of VHF/UHF contesting along with

the many possibilities for operating such as fixed station, rover or using a directional antenna.

- b. Upcoming Speakers: Andy Ludlum reported due to scheduling issues we have changed the order of the upcoming speakers. Thursday, May 17, 2018 will be Field Day with Steve Gillis. Andy will prepare a power point presentation for Steve. Andy will send Steve a past presentation to review for accuracy with this year's Field Day plan. The date switch actually works better as the presentation will build interest and participation in Field Day. Thursday, June 21, 2018 – is now confirmed, it will be on 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.
- c. The Speakers Committee meets on April 25th.

5 Operations – Steve Gillis

- a. All set for Mini Field Day – Saturday, April 14th at Thousand Oaks Community Park, 2525 North Moorpark Road.
- b. CVARC Morse Group: Steve was pleased by the initial response to the new group dedicated to Morse code and CW. 19 Club members are in the group. Eight members got together at the Sheriff's station to discuss plans for activities.
- c. Field Day: Steve announced that Kat Hunley (K6VQN@arrl.net) will be working with him on Field Day planning. He asked that Kat be copied on all emails. Kat & Steve were given a Google Spreadsheet by Rob Hansen. It was suggested all Board members be granted access to the spreadsheet. Andy Ludlum volunteered to see if he could forward the past years' spreadsheets to Kat & Steve. He was able to provide a non-editable link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oGdjNFRhnTzO9dKg2GXzUIP3mFcdChHPN5ZYd_2UthY/edit?usp=sharing

In addition he moved the data to an editable Excel spreadsheet which will allow Kat & Steve to transfer the data. Other information was shared regarding past Field Day assignments. Bill Willcox volunteered to be Safety Officer again. Rob Hanson is talking to the county about using the two large tents. Barry Stephens, AF6XT has a big truck and picks up and returns the tents. **Mike Felio: Details of the Field Day BBQ should be determined and signup sheet should be prepared for the May 17th Club meeting.**

Steve was going to confirm who has the 3 sets of triplexers/quadplexers and filters. A band captain and interested members meeting will be scheduled, tentatively April 26th at Pickles.

6 Reports from Members at Large – Zak Cohen, Tim Wheeler

- a. Zak Cohen had no issues to report.
- b. Tim Wheeler reported he is participating in CERT training and finds the CERT teams to be good potential sources for new Hams and Club members. It was noted most of the Oak Park CERT team members are Hams.

7 Technical – Adrian Jarrett

- a. Project Update: The (6m and 2m) halo antenna project is set for May 5th at the Sheriff's station. It's estimated the project would take 2-3 hours and cost about \$25. Adrian will pass around a sign-up sheet at the April 19th meeting.

8 Education – Bill Willcox

- a. The April 8th VE session was one of the largest in years. Every seat in the Community Room was taken. Seven of our eight extra class attendees upgraded their license and both of the technician class attendees passed!
- b. Bill described his idea of holding "Basic Tech Talks" as a Club instructional series. Bill has some topic ideas and will ask members at the April 19th meeting if, when and where they would like to have these talks.

9 Newsletter – Stu Forman

- a. The preliminary newsletter was sent to the Board for review. Stu was waiting for some information and said he would put in a "Save the Date" note in the newsletter for the May 5th halo antenna project.

10 Social – Mike Felio - Absent

- a. No report, but see notes above and in the Board email group regarding the Field Day BBQ.

11 Website Updates –

- a. None

12 Public Relations – Joe Sprissler

- a. Meeting announcements have been appearing regularly in the Acorn. Andy will write a description for the May 17th speaker and get it to Joe before the Acorn deadline.

13 Oher Items:

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

Submitted by: Andy Ludlum – K6AGL