



## General Meeting Minutes

**Date: May 12, 2018, 10:00**

**Location: Offices of Luhdorff and Scalmanini, 500 First St, Woodland, CA**

### **Attendees:**

Joe DeAngelo AG6QO, Bill Gustavson K6BIL, Bill Ragsdale K6KN, Scott Witt KM6NQB, Doreen Appert KE6ROR, Mick Bowlin W6KRY, Darrel Horst KM6KFW, Dave Woodruff KM6AJS, Ken Wilson K6WLS, Damian Appert AB6WB, Paul Jordan KJ6GCP

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am, and attendees introduced themselves.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Although treasurer Doug, KK6LDS, was not present, he previously provided Joe the monthly financial statement, which Joe passed out to members present. This statement shows the current account balance as of April 30, 2018 was \$2,433.59. The statement also reflected that there were net expenditures of \$25.46 for utilities during April 2018 for utilities.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Paul did not have any updates, but assumed the duties of taking meeting minutes, aided by a voice recording. Joe provided the update that he had typed up the minutes for the February 10<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting in Paul's absence. Joe had paper copies of those minutes for those that wished to have them, and agreed to publish them on the BARK website as well.

## Old Business

### **Repeater Site Damage and Repair Status:**

Ken gave an extensive report on the progress of repairs, which involved:

- A trip by K6WLS and K6KN to begin the process of installing the replacement parts, including new coax and new antennas, in addition to new lightening arresters. He suggested future work could be done on the ground cable, given its age.
- Ken also gave an update on the status of major equipment components at the repeater site.
  - o Five cavities on the receive side, three on the transmit side



- Discussion of replacing the receive side cavities with Telowave
- Additional coax routing cleanup to done when new cavities installed
- Joe and Ken each have 180 watt solar panels which Joe is working on a mounting bracket to install on the repeater shack roof, to be used with an Epic Power Gate supply, which allows for automatic switching between solar and battery power
- New Optima for packet radio set up, in addition to another new Optima battery that is not currently in use.
- BBS system currently running on a large, but older battery, which Joe is interested in replacing at some point in the future
- Joe express interest in adding a third solar panel to ensure consistent power in the event of a storm or long-term power outage
- Joe suggested making a trip to the repeater site in the near future to do some brush cutting and clean-up work, along with installing the solar panels, and transporting backup repeater before the weather gets too hot and dry
- There was additional discussion about members having difficulty hitting the repeater using HTs; possibly due to new antennas not being quite as high performance as ones previously installed, also potential of water damage.

#### **BLM Lease Renewal:**

Bill K6BIL gave an update on the communication with BLM regarding the lease renewal. Alice with BLM explained that she wanted to review all documents before speaking on specifics of renewal. Bill and Joe decided that an email chain between themselves and the BLM, in addition to a teleconference to discuss the renewal process. Joe clarified for members that the 50-year lease BARK has with the BLM is set to expire on in January 2023, and given the unfamiliarity with the renewal process, it is best to start now. There was discussion of the technicalities with the club's rights and responsibilities regarding the repeater vault, which is to be clarified with the BLM. Joe clarified that the committee formed to assist with the BLM lease renewal consists of Bill K6BIL, Joe AG6QO, Damian AB6WB, and Bill K6KN.

#### **Bylaws Update:**

Joe explained that Mick W6KRY, Dennis KI6HHA, and himself AG6QO formed a committee to go over the bylaws, as there are a number of aspects that are outdated or missing, or simply inaccurate. The bylaws are not inclusive of two resolutions recently passed. Joe set a timeframe of a week before the next board meeting to have feedback for the proposed changes to the bylaws. There was discussion of how both the bylaws and articles of incorporation list the club's central office as being in Sacramento. Joe made the suggestion of getting legal advice for how to go about changing the articles of incorporation to omit this address. Dave mentioned knowing an attorney that could potentially be of assistance with this.



## New Business

### 2018 General meeting schedule:

As an experiment, the August FCC Test Session and the BARK General meeting will be held at the Winters EOC.

The remaining 2018 General Membership and FCC test schedule is as follows:

Sat. Aug 11, 10am-noon - Winters EOC, [702 Main St, Winters, CA 95694](#)

Sat. Nov 10, 10am-noon - Offices of Luhdorff and Scalmanini, 500 First St, Woodland, CA 95695

The remaining FCC Test Sessions will be held the morning of the same days:

Sat. Aug 11, 7:30am - 9:30am - Winters EOC, [702 Main St, Winters, CA 95694](#)

Sat. Nov 10, 7:30am - 9:30am - LDS Chapel on Pioneer, Woodland

Bill K6BIL made the suggestion of having contact information posted on the website for members needing transportation assistance to attend the general membership meetings. Joe offered to be a contact person to help coordinate this transportation as the need arises.

### Other:

Scott mentioned that the Sacramento section of the ARRL had incorrect information regarding the date and location of the FCC test sessions. Joe said he would look into this, and work with to have the incorrect information corrected or removed altogether. Scott also gave an introduction to how he became involved in amateur radio.

### Adjournment of the business portion of the meeting:

Business portion of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:47am.

### Presentation:

K6KN gave an excellent presentation on cross-band repeaters, and the opportunities and challenges that come with using them in the field.

### Presentation for August Meeting:

Bill K6KN agreed to do a presentation on communicating via satellite using an HT.



**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:28am.