



General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 10, 2019, 10:00

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

Attendees:

Joe DeAngelo AG6QO, Doug Hollowell KK6LDS, Ken Wilson K6WLS, Bill Gustavson K6BIL, Darrel Horst KM6KFW, Dale Dennis KJ6HHY, Bill Ragsdale K6KN, John Prenton W6FAQ, Doreen Appert KE6ROR, Mick Bowlin W6KRY, Dave Woodruff KM6AJS, Lew Harris WB6LEW, Paul Jordan KJ6GCP, Damian Appert AB6WB

Meeting was called to order at 10:11am.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Doug KK6LDS presented the monthly financial statement, which showed the current account balance as of July 31, 2019 was \$4,810.12. The statement also reflected that there were net expenditures of \$27.26 for utilities during July 2019. Doug also mentioned that there is currently 196.36 in the club's PayPal account. There was a discussion that this combined balance was the highest that anyone could recall the club having, and that it was due in large part to the very generous donations received to help the club recover from the County Fire last fall. Doug suggested that given donations to the club from Ray Vincent W6PUX, age 96, that the club invite him to the next meeting and have a lunch catered as a token of appreciation for his contributions. He also suggested utilizing Quicken software for financial record keeping, given increased transparency and flexibility of reporting.

Secretary's Report:

Paul KJ6CGP and Joe AG6QO provided the update that the minutes for the February 9, 2019 general membership meeting were posted on the club website, www.barkradio.org. Of note, due to scheduling conflicts, the quarterly general membership meeting usually held in May was canceled.

Old Business

County Fire Repairs and Repeater Site Status and Plans:

Ken K6WLS provided the update that he, Joe and Bill K6KN, have made several trips to the repeater site. During these trips, among other repairs, the hardline going to the top of the tower was been replaced,



and just needs to be connected with a new receive antenna, which is planned for the next visit. Ken also mentioned he wants to get all exterior repairs and installations completed prior to the rain this season. There was discussion about what additional work still needs to be done for the grounding system, given the challenges drilling down into the ground rock.

Ken also mentioned that he would like someone else in the club to take the club's EchoLink setup that he has had in his house for a number of years. Joe mentioned that a broadband internet connection was the only additional requirement besides the equipment that was needed for successful operation. Bill K6KN discussed how EchoLink can be a fun, albeit frustrating at times, system to tinker with. He offered to provide assistance to anyone who was interested in taking the current system.

BLM Lease Renewal and site plan:

Joe mentioned that Mick W6KRY had volunteered to follow up by phone with the BLM office to discuss the renewal of the club's lease, which is currently set to expire in January 2023. Joe emphasized that while the BLM will likely be in touch with the club at some point to discuss the Site Plan they had provided last year, it was in the club's best interest to be proactive in working with the BLM to resolve any potential challenges that could arise.

New Business

Election Committee:

Joe asked for an election committee to be formed to help nominate candidates to fill the five Board of Directors positions that will be becoming available. Below are the current holders of these five positions:

- Joe AG6QO
- Mick W6KRY
- Bill K6KN
- Doug KK6LDS
- Damian AB6WB

Bill K6BIL offered to take that responsibility in the absence of other volunteers. Joe encouraged anyone that was interested in volunteering to contact Bill. All current incumbents indicated they were interested in running for re-election, but also indicated that it would be nice for others to also run as well.



Proposed Changes Repeater Call Sign:

Bill K6KN proposed the idea of changing the repeater call sign to be more concise, catchy and professional. He indicated that a couple call signs that would be symbolic to the club (K6BER and W6BER) were already in use. He then proposed the idea of reaching out the family of Tom Nelson, who had recently passed away, for permission to use his call sign W6EO. Bill discussed Tom's contributions to amateur radio, and that having the club use his call sign could be an opportunity to pay tribute to him. Bill discussed the pros and cons of changing the call sign from its current and well established KE6YUV. He indicated that this was not in fact the original repeater call sign that was used when the club was formed, so there is precedence for this type of change. He asked for the club's permission to contact Tom Nelson's family regarding W6EO, and investigate further what is involved such a change. Members discussed that while initially skeptical, the idea having the club's call sign be tribute to a fellow member of the amateur community was definitely worthy of being considered, and voted in favor of Bill moving forward with his investigation.

Changes to Sunday Night Net Script:

Joe provided the update the Board of Directors approved Bill K6KN's proposal to shorten the script for the Sunday night net, to exclude information about the club and repeater that regular attendees are already well aware of, and that is readily available on the club's website.

Technical Presentation for November Meeting:

Bill K6KN offered to do a presentation on filter tuning.

2019 General meeting schedule:

FCC Test Session - Sat. Nov 9, 7:30am - 9:30am - 500 1st St, Woodland

General Meeting - Sat. Nov 9, 10am-noon - 500 1st St, Woodland

Adjournment of the business portion of the meeting:

Business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.



Presentations:

John W6FAQ gave an excellent presentation on emergency preparation, concentrating mostly on what one should carry with them in a backpack, should a disaster strike when they are away from home.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35am.