

**NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ([www.ncarc.org](http://www.ncarc.org))**

**MEETING Minutes: 7 pm, 8 January 2024,**

*Salvation Army, 10725 Alta Street, Grass Valley*

**Notice to February Meeting Attendees: Cal McKitrick AI6MC will present Ham Satellite Communications at the February 2024 meeting. Bring a thumb drive and \$5/each ticket for raffle tickets for a set of current set of 4 ARRL antenna books provided by Cal. Proceeds will go to the NCARC.**

**1.0 Welcome:** Vice President Peter Mason N6ERL called the Meeting to Order (Our 2024 President Ken Wall KA6SUB was unable to attend due to the icy conditions in Gold Run)

**2.0 Attendees** 15 Members were present.

**3.0 Election and Introduction of 2024 club officers:** Cal McKitrick AI6MC provided the results of the election. The 2023 Club had 74 members and emails were sent to all club members but some apparently were not received. The ARRL email forwarding issues probably contributed to missed delivery, and some second messages were sent. 24 votes were received. The elected officers are as follows:

- President: Ken Wall KA6SUB
- Vice President: Peter Mason, N6ERL
- Secretary: John Mulhern WA6NRG
- Treasurer: Chuck Murphey KI6CM

*Elected Directors*

- John Hart: KE6FIQ
- Phil Thompson W6PD

*Past President*

- Cal McKitrick AI6MC

These elected members form the Board of Directors. All members are invited to attend Zoom Board meetings and a time is provided for members to bring issues and suggestions to the Board for consideration. See links on Ham&Coffee.

*Other club appointed positions:*

- ARES Emergency Coordinator for Nevada County: Peter N6ERL
- Volunteer Examiner Manager: Chuck Murphey KI6CM

*W6DD Repeater Committee:*

- John Everson AB6LI
- Dan Patterson W6AI

*Website AI6MC*

- Press Officer Alan KZ6B

**4.0 Membership & Treasurer Report - Chuck Murphey KI6CM**

- 2024 dues are due, with a grace period for 2023 members of January and February 2024. (The Club repeater roll calls include members with visitors also invited to participate.)
- As of the January meeting, 28 members are paid and 7 members paid at the meeting (now 35 members). 2023 membership was 71.
- Club funds as of before the meeting are \$4,028 general fund and \$2,075 Repeater Emergency Reserve.

**5.0 January Presentation**

Peter Mason N6ERL, NCARC Vice President and ARES Emergency Coordinator presented an extensive overview of the history and present status of NCARC ARES. ARES is the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service. ARES is organized at national, state, district and local levels and has agreements with many government and public service organization. ARES nets use the FEMA Incident Control system (ICS). NCARC ARES is now recognized by Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) in the event of a local emergency requiring ham radio communications. ARES stations use voice and Winlink without any local public services (power, internet, cell phone, etc.). NCARC ARES has many levels of participation and in the event of a local emergency will operate the local W6DD repeater net. Even if you are not participating in NCARC ARES, should a local emergency occur, you can monitor the net and possibly get or provide helpful information under net control.

A link to Peter's presentation will be posted on Ham&Coffee.

We thank Peter for this excellent overview. Contact him if you would like further information.

*Short Break following the presentation*

## **6.0 Old Club Business**

Summary of the December meeting; no formal minutes were provided as this was the Christmas meeting

- 18 attendees including 3 wives
- Roger N7CXG opened the meeting with a short prayer
- John KE6FIQ prepared the Turkey,
- Mark N6PVI prepared the Ham,
- Cal AI6MC brought the soft drinks,
- Members brought a side or desert.
- Several items were provided for the Salvation Army toy program.
- Thanks to all who made this a huge success!

Other Old Business: None

## **7.0. New Club Business**

Website & unofficial Ham&Coffee - Cal AI6MC. Zoom meeting data will be provided on Ham&Coffee, not the Website.

ARES - Peter N6ERL -- checkout the Thursday night net and check-in as a visitor.

VE EXAMS - Chuck KI6CM-- next VE exam is Feb 17. Contact Chuck to set up an appointment. Also contact Chuck if you would like to help with the VE program.

REPEATERS - John AB6LI and/or Dan W6AI0 -- During heavy rain W6DD users should switch to the 015 frequency as the 285 frequency has interference caused by a local high power station due to siting issues.

2024 Events -- In 2024, initial planning for Club events will start early. One objective will be to provide an overview of each event with details for members who have not participated previously. **Each Club event will be approved in advance by the Board after initial details are provided and a leader for the event has come forward to provide event coordination.** These events happen yearly and the Club has supported them sometimes at last minute, but the objective for 2024 is to make these opportunities easier for new members to get involved. Members who have done these events are asked to provide an email to the Secretary (wa6nrg@yahoo.com) based on your experiences with suggestions and advice to make these events more effective. A list of 2024 events of interest is provided below (official Club event status to be determined).

- *Jan 21-27, 2024 Quartzfest - some club members may go but this is not a Club event. maybe next year? (quartzfest.org)*
- *March 16, 2024 Loomis Ham Feast - this is not a NCARC event but maybe some club members may want to attend.*
- *June 1, 2024 June Rotary Ride - NCARC planning packet will be provided shortly. A great opportunity for public service.*
- *June 22-23, 2024 ARRL Field Day - With the successful and fun experience last year, a NCARC planning packet will be provided in the coming months are expected in March, and costs and discussions are needed.*
- *August tbd, 2024 Sierra Foothills ARC Hot August Nights - this is not a NCARC event, but some member may want to participate*
- *Sept tbd, 2024, Western Placer County Ham Fest K6PAC. Lincoln, this is not a NCARC event but club members may attend*
- *Oct 18-20, 2024 ARRL Pacifcon, San Ramone, CA*
- *October 19-20, 2024 JOTA/JOTI, The Boy Scouts of America, Jamboree On the Air and Jamboree On the Internet - this has not been a Club event but may be another opportunity for public service.*
- *December 9, 2024 NCARC Holiday Dinner - This is the big NCARC event of the year and it includes wives and friends.*

Other New Business: none

**8.0 Questions** or any other discussion : none

**9.0 Close** of the January 2024 Meeting

*1/9/24: Submitted by wa6nrg: Please provide suggestions, errors & corrections to email: wa6nrg@yahoo.com*