

Contra Costa Communication Club

Communicator

November 2023

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CCCC's Club Mtg

December 10, 2023

Sunday at 1:00 pm

In Person

A Non - Profit Club Dedicated to Service

CCCC Minutes

November 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Vice President Wing, K6YDE, at 10:07 am. Present were Rob, KK6JNI, Audrey, W6BBQ, Jan, AC5RB, Alvin, KK6UQX, Xia, K2XIA, DJ, KJ6DJ, Howdy,KE6BEE, Doc, W6OGX, Gary, KK6RJA. Gary checked in from their cruise ship in Hawaii.

Minutes - The minutes from the October meeting were read by Jan. Motion to accept the minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasury Report - Audrey said there weren't any new changes in our financials, for the month of October.

Membership Report - Audrey said that there weren't any changes for the month of October..

Net Control - DJ mentioned not a lot of participation in the various nets. A reminder of the different nets, each daily on 2 meter/440/internet at 7:10 am, the Tuesday evening on 220 at 7:30 pm, and the Emcomm nets on Saturday mornings on 2 meter at 9:00 am, 440 at 9:15 am, and a 220 net at 9:30 am. Fldigi practice at 9:40 am. Xia agreed the participation has gone down a bit, hopefully it will pick up soon. Howdy offered to be the Net Controller for the Wednesday morning net, thank you Howdy.

Trivia - Jan reported that 26 questions were tallied. There were 24 participants over the different nets. There were 10 questions everyone got right. None that everyone missed. She thanked them for participating. It's a good way to start the day. She said she was honoring Martha, KI6KOV-SK who used to do it on our morning nets.

Technical Report - Howdy reported the progress for smoother transitions and facilitating working on getting our club call sign access to the FCC. He is coordinating with people representing NARC, also working on WinLink and Echo Link. He will send out information to help all of the club members operate and interact with our new avenues of communication with our repeaters.

Old Business - None

New Business - Outreach. Rob and Xia discussed getting in contact with De Anza High School, to come up with a presentation to either communications or electronic classes to promote Ham radio use to the local high school students. Maybe incorporate contacting the Boy Scouts, (communication badge), and possibly the West County School District. Anyone interested in volunteering, can get in touch with Rob or Xia.

Rob mentioned it might be hard to compete with cell phones, where students are concerned. He also mentioned there were hardly any young people at Pacificon this year. In the presentation, maybe appeal and encourage the importance of being part of the emergency response when disasters take place. Encouraging the students to help develop procedures in communications, first aid, and other

CERT practices to benefit their families and their neighborhoods, just might be a catalyst to get them to be a part of and a way to include them in the solution. Jan said that when there is a disaster, no power, no communications, (cell phones, internet), then there will be interest. She also stated that we haven't experienced any disaster for a while. DJ stated, in Florida where there are constant and frequent disasters, there are a higher percentage of Ham radio operators. DJ has committed to be available with the radio equipment in his vehicle, for demonstrations to the students.

Nominations - Almost all of the current Board Members have technically timed out of their positions. We have made allowances in our procedures to extend our positions for more than the two year terms. Xia and DJ are the nominating committee and will be talking to the members about recommendations to the Board. After the voting, the Board will meet and select the officers. All our regular meetings including Board meetings are held on Zoom, so distance isn't a factor. We need new blood and would welcome the nominations.

Burgie, KE6MSF, and Roger, KE6SZG, have both resigned from their positions, but will remain members. We thank them for their years of service, words and efforts through the many years they have been involved with CCCC.

Gary asked about having our breakfast meetings again. DJ said that due to costs and premiums to get a special room, it doesn't look like it will be happening soon. We shall continue with our Pizza Night, Club Picnic, First Wednesday Luncheons at Sukey's and Christmas Party for our in person gatherings.

Doc mentioned other ham groups in our area, that maybe we could work together. DJ said many members overlap, but each group has special interests and objectives. There are digital, disaster, offroad, repeaters, field day, USS Hornet, and contests just to name a few. It would be nice to reach out and see what others are doing and what social groups we could connect with. We should work on brainstorming about connecting with other groups and expanding all forms of communications.

Christmas Party - Jan secured the hall at the Las casitas Mobile Home Park, 3000 Broadway, American Canyon. It will be a PotLuck luncheon from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. There will be a \$50.00 charge for the room, however if we leave it

clean, it will be refunded. Please text or email Jan about how many in your party and what you are bringing. We are also inviting EBARC members. There is room for 40 people. Xia is in charge of prizes and presents. Audrey mentioned there is \$300.00 in the budget allowed for the party. There will be no charge to those attending.

Respectively submitted by,

Jan Kuhl, AC5RB

CCCC Secretary

November Membership Report

We lost one member in October. Long time member Martha Seymour, KI6KOV, became a silent key on October 20, 2023, at the age of 90.

Jan Kuhl and Audrey Nieman, were able to attend her services at St Joseph's Cemetery Chapel.

We have a new net controller on the Wednesday Morning Over the Hill Commuter Net at 7:10 am. Welcome Howdy.

It's time to pay your dues for 2024. We are still at \$30.00, but donations to the repeater fund are always welcome. Retired dues are \$20.00 and are also \$20.00 for a second member in a household.

We hope to have a full house at Jan Kuhl's, Mobile Home Park clubhouse, for our Christmas party. It's PotLuck and there will be prizes!

Address: 3000 Broadway, American Canyon

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

RSVP: Jan Kuhl, AC5RB

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**Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ,
CCCC Membership Chair**

November Treasurer Report

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November 15, 2023

Checking Account

Balance Forward 8/10/2023	\$5332.72
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Income:

Picnic	78.00
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Disbursements:	.00
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Balance Forward:	\$5410.72
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Savings Account

Balance Forward:	\$631.88
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Interest:	.04
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Balance Forward:	\$631.92
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Total Funds	\$6042.64
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**Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ,
CCCC Treasurer Chair**

Editor's Corner

Hello CCCC Members,

Thanksgiving will be in a few days, and the Christmas Holidays begins, my favorite time of year. Preparations are in full steam ahead mode at our house, and I'm sure it's the same at yours as well.

With that in mind, we have a few rules we follow for this time of year. Christmas shopping begins from December 26, 2023 till next August of 2024. That's when prices begin to steadily rise for Christmas.

We don't care to shop for presents from October, up to Christmas eve. Schedule off times to grocery shop and dining out.

When the gas gauge gets down to half a tank, fill it up just in case for emergencies.

Keep all your vehicle's doors locked, except the driver's door when fueling up. Keeping your purse or pets safer from someone sneaking on the far side of your vehicle. I always did this with Effy, especially when transients are milling about.

List everything you're shopping for to save time.

Traffic and weather are usually the worst at this time, so, patience, patience, patience!

Dress in layers.

Only go out during daylight hours, and never alone in the evening.

Tell someone where you are going if you are out alone.

Check your tire pressures every month.

Check your oil once a week.

Always size-up the surroundings wherever you go before getting out of your vehicle.

Staying vigilant during the holidays, your head on a swivel is a must.

You can always add something new to your list.

The Boys Scouts credo states the best, Be Prepared!

Wishing all of you a safe and happy Holidays!

73's!

**Alvin Todd, KK6UQX,
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