

NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (www.ncarc.org):
MEETING MINUTES: 7 pm, November 11, 2024, Salvation Army, 10725 Alta Street, Grass Valley

1.0 President calls meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Guests & Attendees Check-in : 1 new member and 1 new associate member, 15 in-person, 5 on zoom

3.0 President Ken KA6SUB made the following announcements

(1) Dues will remain at \$20; if you already paid the \$25 see Geoff KO6AKE for a refund.

(2) Voting for 2025 club leadership is underway and ends in November - if you are still interested in running, please write in your name and let the current office holders know -- if you did not receive a voting email on Nov 5, see Cal AI6MC immediately as some emails are filtered by user mail systems - one way or another your vote will be recorded if you contact Cal. --- it is important that every member vote so check your trash folder

(3) The new board will undertake an update to the club by-laws in January 2025 as a 6-month project - this is 22 years overdue.

(4) The new board will prepare a club 2025 budget by the February 2025 board meeting - if you have interest in participating, see Geoff KO6AKE and plan to attend the February Zoom board meeting - all paid members are invited to participate

(5) The club will donate \$200 to KVMR to support its community service.

(6) DECEMBER MEETING: The Christmas Party is the December meeting; bring your XYL or others and please sign-up on the web site to bring a side or a desert. A Ham Clock will be raffled off to attendees at \$5/ticket.

(7) JANUARY 2025: Martin AJ6OH will present Raspberry Pi and Ham Radio

(8) Ken KA6SUB announced that during 2025 each Tuesday net check-in will win a raffle ticket for a gift card at the 2025 Christmas meeting. The transfer of Treasurer tasks from Chuck KI6CM to Geoff KO6AKE has been completed.

4.0 Membership, Treasurer: Geoff KO6AKE reports 68 members, \$6,212.65 balance. 2025 dues of \$20 can be paid now.

5.0 VE Report - Ken KA6SUB announced that local testing will begin in 2025 - check the web site for dates

6.0 Old Club Business - The October Club Meeting Minutes were approved.

7.0. Club Routine Business

- Repeater Report - no issues with the repeaters were noted
- Net Report - Ken KA6SUB reports 15 to 20 check-ins per week during October.
- ARES Report - Peter N6ERL reports last meeting of 2024 will be first week in December,
- Media Report (website and Ham&Coffee) - nothing reported
- Facebook Report - Phil W6PD - nothing reported

8.0 Presentation: John's Presentation (KF6DQU) Presentation on GMRS Repeaters was cancelled due to his illness. John will be rescheduled for 2025.

Mark N6PVI provided a laptop Zoom connection and also found a short YouTube video on the most common beginning HF Antennas; "The 5 Top HF Ham Radio Antennas for Beginners." by N4BFR. Money, available space, and bands are the critical trade items. These include end fed non-resonate, dipole, Hamstick trap dipole, vertical, and G5RV. N4BFR also mentions antenna tools, other antennas, and finally an antenna challenge. Mark ended on a lighter note with a series of short Trunk Monkey videos. Trunk Monkey can be added to a GoKit.

The attendees also talked about potential club activities they enjoyed over the years with other ham clubs. Here are a few activities mentioned and are potentials for 2025 fun **if one of the club members will take the leadership role and organize the project:** an outdoor operating event such as a local POTA picnic, communications support for a new local public event like the Rotary Ride, a workshop group build, a booth like the fair but at a local street event, additional support to GMRS/FRS neighborhood training, and even 6 attendees were interested in CW training. Other topics for possible presentations included slow-scan TV, a summary of digital voice on HF modes, and DMR/C4FM/digital modes.

9.0 Meeting Closed