

Minutes, NCARC ZOOM Board Meeting

August 5, 2024, 7 PM

provide additions/corrections to John wa6nrg@yahoo.com

NOTE: NO CLUB MEETING IN AUGUST - COME TO OR SUPPORT THE BOOTH AT THE FAIR

1. President calls meeting to order at 7:01 and all board members present. Member Mark N6PVI also attending.

Note: leaders and any interested club members may attend NCARC board meetings all club members are invited to attend the zoom board meetings - should a member wish to present an idea or discuss any topic, please contact wa6nrg@yahoo.com 3 days in advance if possible to be added to the planned agenda.

2. Old Business

a. Board minutes from July 1, 2024 board meeting approved.

b. DEFCON presentation in July was well received.

c. Ken KA6SUB has met Lt . Jennifer Breazeale the new Salvation Army facility host. She is interested in ham radio and is encouraged about obtaining a ham license. Ken KA6SUB will obtain her email and we will invite her to attend the September meeting.

d. Other old business? *none*

3. New Business

a. Membership & Treasurer Report - Geoff Richard K06AKE. John KE6FIQ reports we are at 60 members with a bank balance of \$6880.26 but two outstanding checks so a remaining balance of \$6097.75. Treasurer Geoff K06AKE will pickup the treasurer briefcase from John KE6FIQ. Our thoughts remain with Chuck KI6CM as he undergoes medical treatments.

(1) The tickets for the fair were picked up and Ken KA6SUB has a ticket for Eric.

(2) Club dues will not be mixed with reimbursements for other items to keep the club membership accounts easy to track.

(3) With the 2025 necessary expenditures, the club dues for 2025 will be \$25 to minimize the difference between actual expenses and dues. Members are encouraged to pay 2025 dues before the end of 2024.

b. VE Leader - A replacement for VE leader is needed. Cal AI6MC spoke with Brian AI6US the VE Coordinator for the Auburn club and explained our situation. Brian said their club could supply VEs if we needed them, he could come to meet the leader requirement, or our members could take exams in Auburn. Brian was open to helping in any way we felt was most appropriate. Further their club publishes local VE test information and will include information about our club.

c. Repeater Reports - Previously John AB6LI reminded users to set the minimum power needed for full quieting as higher power can lead to repeater dropouts.

d. NCARC Net Report - Ken KA6SUB reports the nets are working well. Starting with last week, and counting backwards, check-ins numbered 16, 19, 12, 16, 14, 14, ...

e. ARES information - Peter N6ERL, nothing new

f. Media Reports: website, Ham&Coffee - Cal AI6MC reports website access varies between 100 and 300 per month. Members are encouraged to check it out.

g. Facebook Report: Phil W6PD reports a few new postings.

h. Presentation: there is no meeting or presentation for August as members are encouraged to attend or support the fair. Contact Ken KA6SUB to offer your support to man or take down the fair setup.

i September NCARC Club meeting: Jim K9JM will present Antennas

j. Carolyn Beardsley has donated an FT-301 and a Dentron Super Tuner Plus tuner. Several ideas were discussed as to how to best utilize these items. Mark N6PVI suggested the club might help a new General to get on HF with a loaner rig. Other ideas were to raffle them off, or sell them at a nominal value. Cal AI6MC does not want them to wind up in the back room. The tuner appears to be ready use but the FT-301 has a unique power connector missing, no microphone, no speaker, and is a 200 watt 12 volt unit requiring a hefty 12 volt power supply. The club might have a useable 12 volt power supply but setup and checkout would be required if the units were to be loaned. No decisions as to a path forward were made and the options will be discussed at the next board meeting.

k. Aug 7-11 Nevada County Fair preparations -

(1) The fair trailer and equipment were set up this day and tickets have been passed out. See Ken KA6SUB if parking tickets are needed.

(2) Ken KA6SUB will provide a signup sheet for persons interested in ham radio or the club so we can know names and emails.

(3) Cal AI6MC says the information for the Salvation Army is there and can be passed out as agreed to with Roger when the Salvation Army sponsored the club entry fee.

l. John WA6NRG proposed that the board consider planning now for 2025 fair sponsorship. 2024 was sponsored by the Salvation Army but with the excessive entry fee, other possible sponsors should be considered for 2025 by the board. Before approaching sponsors, the board should define the club's Value Proposition in order to provide a good reason that a sponsor would be encouraged to support the club. What is the Value Proposition for NCARC to the Nevada County community? Help with community radios? Radio communications during civic or emergency events? Check-in on Salvation Army nets? Enjoyment for radio enthusiasts? What is the NCARC track record for community support? Mark N6PVI noted that budgets for organizations are planned before the year and so this issue should be resolved for NCARC by December of 2024 for the 2025 Fair and not postponed until 2025 after which it might be harder to fit into a potential sponsor's budget. This will be a discussion topic for next board meeting and club members are invited to participate both with value add and potential sponsor suggestions.

4. Meeting closed at 7:55 PM