

Agenda NCARC March 3, 2025, 7 PM ZOOM Board Meeting

provide additions/corrections to John wa6nrg@yahoo.com

Minutes prepared by wa6nrg from a recording of the meeting.

1. Call meeting to order :

Peter N6ERL called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Cal AI6MC and John WA6NRG were not present.

One club member was present.

Note: leaders and any interested club members may attend NCARC board meetings as 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. The minutes from the February 3, 2025 board meeting were approved.

b. Other old business? *none*

3. New Business

a, On going activities

(1) BUDGET: Geoff KO6AKE presented a revised format 2025 NCARC Budget description.

The numbers have not changed but the layout will require yet a few more adjustments. Some of the issues with the latest presentation are as follows:

a. Corrections to a column in Excel can cause the formula to be deleted with the result that incomplete calculations are made. The formulas in each cell must be checked after modifications are made.

b. Some dues are collected in the last months of the previous year so the entry under dues paid and dues budget do not represent 2025 members paid correctly. The 2024 payments for 2025 are in the balance carried over from 2024. (about 20 dues were collected in 2024 for 2025)

c. One member paid dues forward for many years and this too has not been accounted for against the budget for 2025. A column for advance payment of dues would be a good idea.

d. Some budget items should have their own line such as postal box or website since these are annual budget costs but may be paid in the previous year depending on when due. Sorting out budget from payments needs to be shown.

e. Some budget items may or not be paid after the fact such as Christmas party expenses and these too need to be accounted for in a separate column so actuals and budget can be tracked.

f. The Repeater Reserve which is a non mandatory expense needs a different way to be shown.

g. How VE funds are handled needs to be taken into account.

h. A means needs to be developed to permit reconciling the checkbook with the budget with a proper allocation of expenses to the correct budget year. The current layout appears to show a discrepancy of several hundred dollars which is not correct so the layout requires changes to clear this up. Mark N6PVI will work with Geoff KO6AKE to prepare another layout for the budget to be presented at the April Board Meeting. With the purchase of the new computer, once this layout is adjusted, future year transactions will be much easier to track but for now growing pains are anticipated. Thanks to Geoff fKO6AKE or all his good work to date.

(2) FAIR FUNDING

i. any responses as to pledge donations since the February club meeting shall be noted and documented. One pledge for \$30 has been received during February; \$470 to go!

ii. any offers of equipment to be donated for silent auction or raffle since the February club meeting to provide funding for the fair shall be noted and documented. - - none

iii. N6ERL will report any discussions with ARES or Search and Rescue for possible piggyback, but the Nevada County OES Administrator assignment is changing so Peter N6ERL is waiting to meet the new administrator to raise this topic as well as to discuss ARES going forward.

iv. The board decided that the issue of Fair Funding can be moved to the April Board Meeting. **NOTE: Cal AI6MC advised the Secretary that a discussion may be required with the Fair personnel during March, Should this be the case, a special Board meeting and a Vote to Proceed will be needed following the March Club meeting before NCARC agrees to participation at the fair.**

(3) VENMO: Geoff K06AKE reported that a telephone number is required for a Venmo account. After discussion, the Board decided that a computer aided means for collecting money will be tabled until a serious demand for such services is requested by club members due to the difficulty of setting up the responsible party for such an account regardless of the service selected.

(4) DONATIONS: The following donated equipment was not sold at the February meeting:

Johnson Messenger 223 citizens band radio -- a very nice artistic addition to any ham station without reference to 10-4 good buddy not the typical CB an a very nice decoration. No microphone. Internet priced at \$50. *This item will be purchased at the March meeting for the \$10 silent auction price by WA6NRG unless any other member will exceed the \$10 (increment \$5) at the March meeting.*

(5) 2025 EVENTS -- any updates or changes will be noted:

GCTC 2025 Annual Poker Ride May 31, 2025? - no information

Grass Valley 2025 Rotary Club Ride June 7, 2025 - no information

ARRL Field Day June 28-29, 2025 - Peter N6ERL spoke to Kevin Edwards at the airport and he will confirm that no air-related group has an event planned for that weekend as they have priority. More later.

Nevada County 2025 Fair August 6-10, 2025 see discussion under item (2)

Pacificon 2025 October 10-12, 2025 - not a club event - anyone want to coordinate attending?

b. Membership & Treasurer Report - Geoff Richard K06AKE - document the following:

- paid members: 52
- account balance: \$5174.48
- expenditures and yet to be cashed expenses since February board report: pending budget layout update
- expenditures anticipated in March: non expected

c. VE Leader - Chuck KI6CM - Chuck is still the official leader. ARRL has changed the process and Cal AI6MC is at Auburn Club meeting tonight to review the changes and see the new process which now is on-line and which places new burdens on VE staff.

d. Repeater Reports - no issues

e. NCARC Net Report - Ken KA6SUB: 76 check-ins in February. January check-ins were 16,17, 21,19 and February were 21, 16, 19, and 20. These numbers do not account for guest check-ins. During 2024 the

week high was 21 and low was 8 so 2025 so far is on the high side. Ken noted that check-ins tend to be low towards the end of the calendar year. Ken will graph the results for presentation at the next Board Meeting.

f. ARES information - Peter N6ERL: updates are pending the changes in the Nevada County EOC

g. Media Reports: website, Ham&Coffee - no report

h. Facebook Report: Phil W6PD - no report

i. Presentations:

(1) MARCH 2025: Jim K9JM: 3-D printing

(2) April presentation: some interest in a weather net presentation was mentioned, but nothing scheduled at this time

j. Other new business - none

4. Meeting closed at 8:02 PM