

Southwestern REACT General Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1838 hours.

Present: Roger #98, John #42, Mike #92, Per #53, Carl #67, Marilyn #68, June #54, Gabriel #59T, Tyler #50, and Larry #84.

1. Quorum present.
2. Visitors: None
3. Special Motions: None

Comms Challenge: Per

1. Broken Story exercise: "The Final Toast." Per distributed slips of paper with excerpts from a short story to participants who had to figure out the sequence and content to piece together what happened. This exercise encouraged communication and cooperation between the team members present.

Event Prep and Discussion: John

1. Email buttons on the Events section of the SW REACT website to notify the coordinators of members willing to participate did not reflect the recent changes in coordinators and John requested Per to make those corrections as well as add him as a cc: for those emails.

Next Events: John

1. FITT, 3/29/26 - Coordinator will be John Wright. While 6 people have signed up, more are needed. Suggestions included announcing the need for more volunteers on the next net as well as reaching out to "Friends of REACT."
2. Lakeside Western Days – an organizational meeting was not attended by a REACT representative. Another meeting is planned prior to the event. The coordinator, George Reeves, has been notified.

Brief Sharing of Radio-Related Items: John

1. Per notes that he has a cabin in the Lagunas and is on the local water board. A nearby cell phone tower fell over removing cellular access to the area. A temporary tower by one carrier has been placed. Cell phone activity has returned but data transmission has not yet been restored. This impacts remote water control valves and data transfer. He has to compensate by physically driving up there to manually control the valves.

Training Moment: John

1. Separation cables connect a control head of a radio to the main body of the radio. Modular connections allow 4-8 connections between the radio and the control head (depending on manufacturer). John demonstrated the wire crimper to customize his own cables or to replace broken connectors.

Questions/Approval of Submitted Reports: Mike

1. Agenda for this meeting received 3/19/26.
2. The draft General Meeting Minutes for February were posted on the SW REACT website. Motioned to approve by Carl, seconded by Marilyn. M/S/C.

Treasurer's Report: (June #54)

1. Beginning Balance 1/31/26:	\$3,071.51
2. Deposits: Membership dues	+35.00
3. Expenses:	
a. Go Daddy for website.	-21.99
b. Secretary of State Filing	<u>-20.00</u>
4. Ending Balance.	\$3064.52

REACTer Editor: (John #42) Published and emailed to members first week of the month.

Webmaster: (Per #53) Website is up to date other than sign-up buttons to send emails to event coordinators.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2026 ID Cards: Mike
 - a. Six remaining to be distributed will be mailed out.
2. New Signature Card for Bank Account: June
 - a. New Officers were added to the account with Cal Coastal Credit Union as of March 6th.
3. ARRL Special Service Club application: John.
 - a. There is a new application process so John will review and report back.

New Business:

1. New Inquiries for Membership: Mike - For all three inquiries, email correspondence with all three was initiated and no f/u occurred.
2. Provisional to Full Membership: Motion by June to accept both Hector Valtierra, 58T and Ryan Santos, 63T as full members. Mike seconded. M/S/C.

3. Descanso Horse Event Request: June received a phone call from Terry Howe but unfortunately it is scheduled on the same day as the Giro di San Diego so the event request was declined. It is hoped we will be able to assist future horse events in the future as they were fun and useful training experiences for the Team.
4. VOAD Membership – Roger.
 - a. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) includes governmental agencies, faith-based groups, Team Rubicon, etc. designed to provide services during and after disasters. REACT is a member and attends the regular meetings. REACT has offered to assist individual groups with their communication needs.
2. Tyler Klein has offered to assist with the monthly meetings on Zoom. He can co-host and have the materials brought up freeing up the officers to focus on the content while he manages the mechanics. This is anticipated to streamline the flow of the meetings.
3. Tyler has also offered to become a social media director to coordinate our online presence. REACT has a Facebook page but it has not been updated in a long time and the coordinator is no longer with the Team. Tyler will develop a new page and ensure continued content updates.
4. Bob Taylor has been contacted about making name badges for the membership. He was making them gratis while he was a team member. He has agreed to make them again but will charge \$5 each for time and materials. He would prefer that all requests be routed through a single point of contact, the Team Secretary.

Questions/Comments to the Board: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 2013 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Bailey, SWR#92

Secretary