

SW REACT General Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2025

Called to Order at 1833 hrs.

Attended: Roger McCollough, June McCollough, Tyler Klein, John Wright, Per Martin, Larry Bierma, Jim Patterson, Don Dodson, Daniel Willan, Mike Bailey.

Visitor: Heather Wright. 10 members present, quorum present.

Comms Challenge: “In so many Words” – a challenge in describing different events with as few words as possible.” Per led the exercise with the goal of how to be succinct yet give complete information.

Event Prep and Discussion: San Diego International Triathlon is occurring this Sunday, June 22nd. Scheduled 6:00AM briefing at Starbuck’s at Liberty Station. George, the coordinator for the event, did not attend tonight and could not brief the team. Per and John shared observations and challenges of this event from prior years.

Brief Radio Experience Sharing:

1. Larry shared his experiences with APRS. He built a GPS device that plugs into a standard Baofeng. It works but for much of the Giro di San Diego, there was no coverage. Even in the urban San Diego, there are few digipeaters and i-gates to connect to. Roger suggested forming a work group to study options and alternatives to APRS for tracking team member positions during events.

Training Moments#1: Per discussing crossband repeating with his mobile unit. Various scenarios were discussed on how to deploy a crossband repeater.

Training Moment #2: John demonstrated the set-up and operation of the newly designed Go-Kit.

Reports were sent out to the general membership this afternoon including:

- 1) Board Meeting Minutes of 6/5/25
- 2) General Meeting Minutes of 5/15/25
- 3) Treasurer’s Report of 5/31/25
- 4) Webmaster’s Report 6/16/25
- 5) After Action Report from the Giro di San Diego of 6/07/25

John noted that the General Minutes of 5/15/25 needed approval of the membership. John made the motion. M/S/C.

Questions/General Discussion:

- 1) Discussion of the status of REACT International as team members have not received newsletters, emails or other interactions recently. This led to a discussion of dues, perceived benefits for those dues, and alternative affiliations.
- 2) Tyler brought up the issue of recognition by the event organizers. He recommended that if we work an event, we could ask for recognition by the organizers during the event as well as on the event website for purposes of recruitment, public education, donations, etc. He will develop a proposal and forward it to the Board.

Adjourned: 2031 hrs.

Submitted by Michael Bailey, SWR#92.