

Amador County Amateur Radio Club (K6ARC)

Monthly General Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2023

(Meeting Via Zoom)

1. Welcome Meeting called To Order at 7:00pm

--Paul Keeton, President, thanked everyone who joined us for the monthly meeting. He also thanked Joe Pistritto for hosting the meeting on Zoom.

2. Members Present

Board Members Present: Paul Keeton, KI6LZC, President; Lindsay Jones, K6LMJ, Vice-Pres.; John Pulley, KK6ZAZ, Director; Joe Pistritto, N3CKF, Director; Mike Flagg, KN6RBU, Director. and Maryanne Pulley, Secretary. Absent: John Stettler, KI6DWP, Treasurer.

3. Additions to the Agenda: None

4. New/Prospective Members: None

5. ARES Report: No report.

--Paul said that a Red Cross shelter would be open at Howard Park in Lone on Sunday due to the extreme weather our area has been experiencing.

--Don said that if someone wants to join ARES, please contact Paul.

6. Treasurer's Report

--For the month of December, 2022, we had \$921 in Income and \$847 in Expenses.

--John Stettler reported that our club lost money on the December Christmas luncheon/meeting raffle. Paul said that the club has been donating two radios and that we need to discuss if we still want to do this or perhaps donate only one for future meetings. We will monitor our budget at that time to determine the best options.

--Mike Flagg said he would be happy to donate a radio.

7. Old Business:

--Paul reminded everyone that the annual dues for fiscal year 2023 are now due.

8. New Business:

(a) Party Pardee: Paul reported that the annual Party Pardee bike race will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023. There could be up to 1,500 riders this year.

--Don reminded those who will be volunteering at this race that the T-shirt order needs to be submitted by January 20, 2023.

--Don sent an e-mail to all members and included a roster of the positions where volunteers are needed. He needs a minimum of 14 members to cover all positions, but that a total of 19 would be ideal to allow rest stops to be fully staffed. If he doesn't get enough responses, he will try to send individual e-mails.

(b) Election Results: At the December, 2022, meeting, all new and continuing board members were elected unanimously. 22 people attended our annual meeting/luncheon.

9. Monthly Presentation: Our presenter this month was Lindsay Jones, K6LMJ, who gave us information about "Go Boxes" - what are they, what are they used for and for what type of operation. These boxes need to be customized for you and what you need to use them for.

--RADIO - They should have a dual band UHF/VHF radio, and a radio that is adequate for your assignment. Always carry your manual.

--ANTENNAE - You need a VHF/UHF antennae; an omni-directional is most versatile.

--POWER - The most dependable supply is a battery. Be sure to be aware of how much power your equipment needs.

--USES - Be aware of what you are using your go-box for: planned or emergency, bike race, monitoring crowd control, relaying messages, etc. Know the duration of use - 2-4 hour event, or 4-12 hour event.

--THE BOX - It should be light enough to carry when fully loaded. It needs to be able to take physical abuse and that your equipment is easily accessible. Be sure to include extra paper, pens, pencils and possibly extra batteries.

10. Questions/Comments:

--There was a question about whether or not our repeater was going to stay 'linked' after the weekly 'net'. Joe said that yes, it was.

--Lindsay Jones is updating our website. He came across some audio recordings from several years ago and wanted to know if it is necessary to keep them. He is going to delete the old recordings.

--There was a question about whether or not we have a volunteer to run the weekly net if the month had a 5th Tuesday. Melissa Ray, KN6RBZ, said she would like to try. Due to the fact the Joe is not able to run the net the fourth Tuesday of January, Melissa will fill in this month. Rick L. will send the net control sheet to Melissa, Lindsay and Bob.

--Paul thanked everyone who has stepped up to do the net control.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Next Scheduled Meeting - February 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm (ZOOM)