

RAMS Meeting Minutes

P O Box 2951

Orangevale, CA 95662

August 10, 2017

Present: 9 in attendance

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Steve Bickford, N6AE welcoming everyone.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the RAMS July 13 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Period ending 7/13/17 Approved as of this date

Beginning balance 7/13/17		\$1167.38
Deposits		
PG&E Reimbursement	\$46.69	
Membership	\$15.00	
Total Deposits		\$61.69
Expenses		
PG&E 06/17 -07/17	\$46.69	
Total Expenses		(\$46.69)
Ending Balance 08/10/17		\$1182.38

Treasurer reports that all interaction of RAMS with PG&E is now completed.

Board of Directors (BoD) has had no activity to report.

Repeaters:

- Saturday RAMS net has 6 or 7 users each week on the "146.790 MHz" repeater.
- 220 repeater is up AND linked to the 2 Meter repeater.

General Info presented:

- I-Net RAMS site files identified as "possibly hacked" have been deleted. Site should NOW be safe.
- ARRL : Happenings noted – See ARRL home page NEWS for details
- Elections for RAMS officers WILL be held during the SEPT meeting.
- Logging software – N3FJP- discussed.
- SFM club is starting another CW class in September.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Steve, (N6AE) presented Home Brew tripod base configuration to prevent base "kick out" on TALL (40ft) mast for antenna.

Companies talked about during meeting:

- Spiderbeam – Fiberglass 40-foot (12m) collapsible pole
http://www.spiderbeam.us/product_info.php?info=p3_Spiderbeam%20HD%2012m%20fiberglass%20pole.html
- G4fON – Morse Code Trainer, Koch Method, software for your computer: <http://www.g4fon.net>
- N3FJP – Amateur Radio Logging Software Suite: <http://www.n3fjp.com>

Next RAMS Meetings: (2017)

September 14th – ELECTIONS: at least President AND secretary to be replaced.

October 12th

Next 2017 VE Sessions: – see Joe Cardoza, KA6ROM, for details

September 23rd

November 25th

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.