

RAMS Meeting Minutes
P O Box 2951
Orangevale, CA 95662
8 December, 2016

Present: 12 members + 1 guest

Meeting called to order by President Steve Bickford, N6AE welcoming everyone.

Steve began, and others followed, by presenting remembrances of our two members who have recently gone SK, Vern Allred (K6RLT) and Jim Lomax (AB6OP).

Secretary's Report: Noted that the Secretary's report has been posted to the RAMS web site.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as of 8 Dec, 2016:

Balance as of 11/10/16			\$1,013.60
Deposits			
	Membership	\$155.00	
	Raffle	\$7.00	
	Glenn PG&E charge	\$21.59	
Total			\$183.59
Expenses			
	PG&E service 10/17/16 - 11/15/16	(\$26.24)	
	US Forest Service Year 2017	(\$117.61)	
Total			(\$143.85)
Balance as of 12/08/16			\$1,053.34

Board of Directors: There has been NO need for a BoD meeting this past few months.

NEXT RAMS Meeting: January 12, 2017

Commented that we are in the last month of NPOTA activity. If you want to get in you must do so this next MONTH.

Next VE Session: 21 Jan 2017 See Joe Cardoza, KA6ROM for details

2-MeterNet/Repeaters:

220-Link is reported still down due to power issues

146.790 Mhz neg. offset, pl 100.0Hz: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sat @ 8:30 a.m. Roy, KB6UT, net control

146.985 Mhz neg. offset, pl 94.8 Hz: 2nd, 4th Sat @ 8:30 a.m. Roy, KB6UT, net control

Both 146 repeaters reported up and running.

Discussion: What to do for future discussion and/or presentation topics. Offered were:

White Elephant sale; building directional HT antenna; using same for Fox Hunt, using Fox Hunt to find RF noise makers.

Show and Tell: a fiber glass antenna mast which had been blown apart by a lightning strike was shown and a description of what appeared to be the lightning path through the rod to a metal connection was given. This showed how lightening could travel through a rain soaked fiberglass mast with destructive results.

Presentation: via YouTube of K6UDA ideas to help club become more active.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:04 hrs (8:04 PST)