

RAMS Meeting Minutes
PO Box 2951
Orangevale, CA 95662
February 11, 2016

Present: 18 in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Steve Bickford, N6AE afterwards he welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report: January 14, 2016 minutes was approved

Treasurer's Report:	Beginning balance	\$1,010.41
	Withdraws	\$ 25.24
	Deposits	<u>\$ 23.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$1,008.17

Board of Directors:

A motion was made to the Board of Directors: Jim Lomax, AB6OP, is asking for money to help cover the costs of repairing his repeater; 146.985 MHz. It is also the repeater that the RAMS use for backup purposes – he is requesting \$159. The Board approved the motion.

Next VE Session: The date for the VE session is March 19, 2016 Location- LDS Church, Hazel & Cherry. Refer to the RAMS website W6HIR.com for future dates of the VE Sessions. Steve stated no requests have been received from American River College for testing.

RAMS Repeater – Steve, N6AE stated he will ask Glenn, WA7SPY for a status update prior to our next meeting. Per Dennis, KK6BEQ he received an invoice from Glenn showing the item was ordered on January 23rd and to ship in 4 to 7 days.

Repeaters:

- 2 Meter – per Roy, KB6UT there's about 8 people per week.
- 10 Meter – unofficially there is no 10 Meter net on Sunday nights, but several people have signed on.

RAMS Web-Site Update – Minutes are posted on the About RAMS/Activities page.

ARRL & Sacramento Valley Section Passdown:

Steve forwarded an email on February 1st from ARRL Sacramento Valley encouraging everyone to visit their website www.arrlsacvalley.org and Facebook and Twitter pages. The website offers multimedia content, web resource integration, ease of navigation and improved readability.

Focus Topic: Steve, N6AE

Quick review of the “So What!” presentation from last month’s meeting with diagrams/pictures.

- Tape Measure Antenna: How to make a 2-meter, 3-element Yagi antenna using a tape measure, PVC pipe, and a few other odds and ends. Steve, N6AE stated he would like to have an outdoor event in the spring or summer - a Picnic/Fox Hunt. Steve purchased a fox hunt transmitter which could be hidden in a large park.

New Business: Ideas for next month’ presentation

- Slow Scan Net
- Digital – overview or a particular mode
- Echo link or digital

Send Steve ideas on what you would like to have presented.

Opens:

- 2nd Annual Sierra Foothill Meet – March 12th in Loomis.
- North Hills Meet – May 17th at the Carmichael Elks Lodge.
- Nevada State Event, April 29 – May 1st at the Eastside Cannery Hotel outside of Las Vegas.
- Inter BX, April 15 – 17th in Visalia.
- Valley of the Moon Club, April 30th in Sonoma.
- Ron Norton stated the Pony Express Ride will be held mid-June starting out in Old Sacramento. New waivers will need to be signed for insurance purposes.
- Joe Cardoza announced the Red Cross will hold their “Baby Walk” mid-April in Downtown Sacramento.
- Field Day is June 25th and 26th – new rules and regulations have been posted.
- CW beginner’s class starts on April 13th and runs for ten weeks. \$40 for new students (price includes key and tone oscillator) and \$10 for returning students (must bring your key and tone oscillator). Contact admin@w6sfm.com for more information.

The next RAMS meeting will be March 10, 2016