

**RAMS Meeting**  
**PO Box 2951**  
**Orangevale, CA 5662**  
**January 8, 2015**

Present: 12 in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Steve welcomed everyone

**Secretary's Report:** December 11, 2014 minutes was approved

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance	\$ 949.72
Withdraws	\$ 150.29
Deposits	<u>\$ 129.63</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 929.06

**Board of Directors Report:** Joe reported on the following:

When weather permits a new coat needs to be put on the roof to prevent water damage. Dan Platte and Ron Norton volunteered.

The RAMS Board of Directors is considering Vern's request to sell his 1.2 GHz system for \$1.8k. So far the offer of \$1.5k was less than what Vern wanted for it. The discussion regarding the use of the 1.2 GHz system determined a low utilization of the system from the members present and if that is the case then to suggest to Vern the next time we go up to Bald Mountain we'll dismantle it and bring back to him. Dennis Smazenko, RAMS Treasurer, is to contact Vern for further clarification.

**Next VE Session:** January 17, 2015 Location- LDS Church, Hazel & Cherry. Refer to the RAMS website W6HIR.com for future dates of the VE Sessions.

**2 Meter Net** – 8 to 10 people most weeks

**10 Meter Net** – 3 to 5 people most weeks

**RAMS Web-Site Update** – Minutes are posted, events added to the calendar. Dan Platte stated the 220 can be heard of 2 meters but 2 meters cannot be heard on the 220. Steve stated the Web name and posting has been renewed for another 3 years.

Steve reviewed the following:

- The ARRL & Sacramento Valley Section Passdowns and the upcoming ARRL Section, State and Division Conventions and Events
- Upcoming HF Contests
- WIAW 2015 Winter Operating Schedule
- Sierra Foothills ARC will hold their first Ham Swap on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in Loomis at the Historic Loomis Train Depot

**Unfinished Business:** Dues were due (\$15.00/yr) October 1<sup>st</sup>; please pay Dennis, the Club Treasurer.

**Focus Topic:** Delta Loop Antenna Project a schematic was distributed.

The next RAMS meeting will be February 12, 2015 – Focus Topic: RF Grounding  
Meeting closed at 8:00 pm