

**RAMS Meeting**  
**PO Box 2951**  
**Orangevale, CA 5662**  
**June 11, 2015**

Present: 17 in attendance

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

**Secretary's Report:** May 14, 2015 minutes was approved

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance	\$ 1001.57
Withdraws	\$ 43.46
Deposits	<u>\$ 19.64</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 977.75

Steve, N6AE read an email from Glen WA7SPY regarding the RAMS repeater.

- The repeater is installed in an outside cabinet.
- The system was tested and all is working including the audio issue w/ the 220 link.
- The new cabinet has its own dedicated circuit breaker – 10 amp- AC 100 volts.
- The AC amp was measured which comes to 4 amps total w/all transmitters keyed up.
- Will be installing the cabinet in the next few weeks, this project is a high priority for both Glen and Kim.
- Will be making coax jumpers to route the antenna feed lines to the outside cabinet.
- Will be installing the cabinet at the site and run the 110 AC electrical cord.

To move the location of the repeater, Steve stated a meeting with the Board of Directors had to be held to make the decision.

**Next VE Session:** July 18, 2015 Location- LDS Church, Hazel & Cherry. Refer to the RAMS website W6HIR.com for future dates of the VE Sessions.

**2 Meter Net** – usually around 8 – 9 people

**10 Meter Net** – around 4 – 5 most weeks

**RAMS Web-Site Update** – Minutes are posted on the About RAMS/Activities page and all upcoming events are posted.

Steve reviewed the following:

- The ARRL & Sacramento Valley Section Passdowns and the upcoming ARRL Section.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Pony Express Reride Update – Ron sent out the schedule to the volunteers. Dennis N6PMI will be net control and Joe KA7ROM operations officer. The 805 repeater will be used with the 625 as backup. The Pony Express website will have live streaming on this event during the ride. The ride will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> picking it up from Tahoe to Old Sacramento.

**Focus Topic:** “What Does My S-Meter Tell Me?” Steve reviewed the article in the QST from June, 1977.

Next Month Focus Topic will be Peak Effective Power w/Math.

Opens:

- Dennis N6PMI looking for volunteers to help with the bike trek for Breath CA of Sacramento Emigrant Trails being held at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga.
- Looking for volunteers to help new HAM radio operators.
- Dennis, KK6BEQ looking for information on old equipment and getting prices for the equipment for a widow who contacted him.

**The next RAMS meeting will be July 9, 2015**