

RAMS Meeting Minutes

P O Box 2951

Orangevale, CA 95662

June 8, 2017

Present: 12 in attendance + 2 guests

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the RAMS May 11 Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Period ending 6/8/17 Approved as of this date

Beginning balance 5/11/17	\$1216.38
Withdraws	\$0.00
Deposits	\$10.00
Ending Balance 6/8/17	\$1226.38

Repeaters:

- Both 2-Meter machines reported as working (RAMS@146.790 and Lomax@146.985)
- 220 repeater is up BUT link to 2Meter is down
- Some discussion about the linking of the 220 repeater to the 2M repeater as well as the desirability of continuing to alternate use of 2M repeaters on the Saturday net.
- Dennis, (KK6BEQ) will propose to the BoD the using of ONLY the RAMS repeater (146.790).
- A letter was received from Glenn Maclean(WA7SPY) acknowledging he and Ken Schidel will continue to maintain the RAMS 220 repeater, 2 Meter repeater, and their link radio.

General Info presented:

- RAMS Inet site, having been reported as *MAYBE* having SPAM problem has been corrected by being reloaded from earlier known clean version.
- ARRL – FCC/OSHA Emergency Services BEST PRACTICES guide is a FREE publication.
- ARRL I-Net “The Doctor Is In” Pod cast for June is “Sporadic E Propagation”
- Several scheduled summer HAM activities were mentioned which are listed on the ARRL Sac Valley I-Net site.
- Noted that to participate in emergency communication (EMCOM) one needs to be trained and certified.
- It appears as though the pony express organization has decided to rely on means of communication other than HAM radio for this year.
- Elections for RAMS officers WILL be held during the SEPT meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Paul Hawkins (KB6OAT) presented several items including: 3vDc LED lights that will run for hours on just 2 1.5 v batteries, an antenna tuner using a simple long wire antenna connected to an HF radio was capable of receiving a good CW signal, and several other notable items good for camping/emergency use.
- Steve, (N6AE) presented his “go bag” of necessary tools and equipment for “away from home” survival and operation including, but not limited to, an automobile “computer” reading device allowing a person to “read” the fault indicators of an automobile computer.

Next RAMS Meetings: (2017)

July 13th

August 10th

September 14th - ELECTIONS

October 12th

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

July 22nd

September 23rd

November 25th

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 p.m.