

Paradise Amateur Radio Society (PARS)  
Club Meeting Agenda  
14211 Wycliff Way, Magalia - POA Library  
October 3, 2016

6:30 – 7:00 Meet and Greet

During the end of the meet and greet period there was a You Tube presentation on Electrical Concerns in a Ham Shack

The meeting began promptly at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were 9 total members.

#### Officer Reports

- President

A brief recap of the Feather River Hospital meeting regarding emergency response was provided. The Association attended the event and handed out flyers; there were a few that expressed interest in becoming an Amateur Radio operator. It was also noted that Doug (KD6LOK) took pictures and several comments were made about the great radio station equipment boxes that the host had manufactured.

- Vice President

No specific comments other than busy with Treasury and other functions and hopes that another member will pick up the Treasury functions at some point.

- Treasurer

We have approximately \$700 in the bank. We received an unsolicited \$5.00 check from Florida with no reference information. Fearing it was a scam, it was not cashed and it was returned.

- Secretary

The minutes from the September meeting were approved without change.

The Association had a visitor from Fort Bragg stumble onto our website and although he was not able to attend our meeting, was able to make a connection with Stephen McDermott. Appears that the website is working.

#### Presentation and Discussion

- Amateur Radio Parity Act (Stephen – W6AKF)

The presentation provided some information on pending legislature and two members forwarded comments to the State regarding the topic – that's great!

It was determined that only 3 present lived in the PPPOA and with limited interest, the topic regarding placing of antennas in the PPPOA was covered briefly here instead of in New Business.

Stephen, W6AKF, indicated that when he requested approval from the PPPOA to erect an antenna, he did not have any problems.

#### Old Business

- Net Controllers for Thursday night net

There was significant discussion on this topic, in part, to determine if a change in date and / or time would result in increased member participation as we typically have only 4 people on the weekly net. The concern for a conflict with Thursday night football was raised as well as perhaps making it a bit later in the evening was discussed. In the end, and partly due to proximity to the other important net, it was determined to leave the meeting as is and to see if we can garner more interest from the members.

Net controller assignments are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month	Grant KK6FKW
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month	Doug KD6LOK
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	Robert KJ6ZEB
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month	Don W6NMW
5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month	Stephen W6AKF

- Badges and Caps

There was a fair amount of discussion on the topic and, as is normal in a group, there are different opinions. However, the majority prefer Navy Blue with Gold lettering with a solid back. Grant is working with Fred, KM6AGT, to determine if they can put both the name and call sign on the back. We also need to determine style and figure out the best way to take orders, combine funds, and place an order. Grant will gather some more facts and send out an update sometime before the next meeting so perhaps it can be finalized before or during the next meeting.

Grant will also put together some information on badges for the group.

- ARRL Chapter Party

There was considerable discussion on this topic as well. It was determined that Stephen is to contact the ARRL and see if they could potentially join our meeting in March, of 2017. This would give us time to promote attendance by everyone. Stephen will also ask them for suggestions on what is typical of a good ARRL Chapter Party.

#### New Business

- Process of putting up antennas in the Paradise Pines Property Owners Association was covered during the presentation portion of the meeting.

- Emergency Preparedness Involvement

On September 21, PARS participated in a "Shake Out" earthquake drill hosted by Feather River Hospital. From those that attended, it sounds like it was a good success and will be followed up by future events and PARS should remain in touch with the hospital.

We also touched on other emergency preparedness items such as support of the County during events like the recent Saddle Fire. Grant, KK6FKW, to coordinate a meeting with Gary, N6BLU, and the County to discuss future support ideas. There was also some discussion regarding RACES, but it sounds as though the organization is having issues at present.

There was also discussion about connecting with other organizations and Jim, KG6UDW, suggested we touch base with the Ridge Fire Council. Gary, N6BLU, suggested that we focus on the Fire Safe Council as they are connected with everyone and he will work on getting us together.

- Future Programs

Stephen, W6AKF, indicated that he found numerous 10 to 30 minute amateur related training segments that we can use over the next few months similar to the electrical training video viewed during the meet and greet which people found informative. *[Although not mentioned in the meeting, by mistake, the Secretary has heard from two members that they, like me, would find more basic information helpful than some of the highly technical information we have received in some meetings]*

Member Comments and Questions

- In closing, Stephen, W6AKF, mentioned his interest in shedding the Treasure responsibility so he can focus on the Vice-President position. The topic of electing new Officers in the next meeting was raised. It was noted that we lack sufficient input, right now, to properly follow the process outlined in the Bylaws and that the Bylaws most likely define a time of the year elections are to occur.
- Jim, KG6UDW, suggested that perhaps it is time to do another post card mailing and he will attempt to locate his list from last time and work with Stephen, W6AKF, to scrub the list for use. This led to a discussion that the Post Office Box payment is coming due soon and it was motioned, and a second taken, to authorize the Treasurer to spend up to \$350 to renew the box.
- Mike, KJ6SCA, reported on a successful event with Farm / 4H with a group of youth interested in becoming hams. He is going to be working with them in coming months to perhaps develop a program for them and may connect the group up with our Association for a demonstration.

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