**RCARA Board Meeting - January 7, 2017**

Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

Home of President Marlene

Riverside, California

Board Members Present:

President: Marlene Odebralski KK6CTX

Vice President: Mike Rankin N6TXR

Treasurer: Jim Wiley AG6EA

Secretary: Donna Beveridge KK6UDF

Newsletter Editor: Ray Gayton-Jacob N6KZM

Membership Chair: Ed Morgan KF6BNQ

Communications Director: Larry Junker WA6PMY

Guests:

Immediate Past President: Ron Braley KE6RYX

Web site Administrator: Mike Riiff KA6VPW

Jim Weaver AG6JN

Duane Allen KK6EE

Absent:

W6TJ Trustee: Don Williams KD6UVT

1. Ray obtained an ISSN number from the Library of Congress to safeguard information developed and published by the club.
2. Duane discussed strategic planning, gave an overview of the process and Donna and Jim W, volunteered for a Strategic Planning Subcommittee. Duane will announce a date to meet.
3. Ray discussed the new format of the MONITOR. Marlene requested it be posted ten days prior to the monthly meeting.
4. There was discussion on the mission and future direction of the club. It was suggested we find a “niche” where the club can make a larger impact. Suggestions were made for publishing community events that members could attend and Mike Rankin volunteered to seek out events. April 1 is the Riverside Airshow and April 29 is the Scout Camparee at Lake Perris.
5. Field Day was discussed and Larry has asked Rick to be the Co-chair. The group agreed that Field Day is beneficial to the club and should continue. The consensus was last year’s venue had many adverse conditions and Marlene asked Larry to find a new venue for 2017.
6. Duane announced that the Emergency Management Department (EMD) is holding Technician classes two hours per week for eight weeks starting January 24 at the EMD office. They will be using the ARRL Tech Class Manual.
7. Ed has on-line PDF membership forms. Members who have not paid dues by the 31st of December will be dropped from the roster as of February 1. There was discussion on how to recruit new members.
8. Marlene raised the question of getting various group leaders together for a summit. There were several comments that this is already being done by various groups.
9. The consensus was that we should do a survey to get member opinions on what they would like, don’t like and would like to do; recommend we be specific in our questions.
10. There was discussion on school groups and ARRL programs and funding.
11. Ron is soliciting club members to become Repeater Control Operators and will provide a two hour training class. He handed out training materials to members.
12. There was discussion on a “net chat” after the regular club net. There was discussion about if it would be a social net, and possibly coming up with ways to “jazz it up” to get more participation.
13. The treasurer made his report and will have signature cards for the bank account for new board members at the next club meeting. Jim discussed how the club will file its tax returns for 2016,
14. For purposes of information and for security of the club it was decided not to post the treasurer’s report on-line in the General Website or in the MONITOR.
15. Mike Rankin would like suggestions for future speakers and presentations.
16. Ed suggested we go back to having a 50/50 drawing at the meetings and encourage members to do “show and tell”.
17. A Press Enterprise employee has some old copies of articles about the club and it was also suggested to speak to Robert Randleman (a previous president) to see about getting any additional historical information.
18. Donna volunteered to set up a committee for future potlucks.
19. The Board encourages members to wear their club shirts or badges to meetings and volunteer events.
20. It was decided it would be too costly to join PayPal or other on-line payment companies.
21. Larry will handle the participation for the Air Show and will contact Gina Perez.
22. Donna discussed the necessity of having a purpose/goal/outcome for any grants the board requests she write.
23. It was discussed if we should have a membership drive. It was suggested we send welcome information to new hams and develop a membership letter.
24. Mike Rankin said he will meet with Don to discuss previous presentations and get ideas for meetings. Also, suggested that we ask internally for members to make presentations and engage members to write articles for the MONITOR.
25. Larry brought up the disposition of the club generator. He stated it was old and not in good condition. It was moved by Larry and seconded by Donna to get rid of the trailer and generator. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
26. After the decision to get rid of the old generator, there was discussion if we needed a new one. Consensus was we do not.
27. There was discussion about our infrastructure and the need for a quartermaster to keep control and inventory of club equipment. Mike Rankin offered a shipping container at the Jurupa Cultural Center and there was discussion regarding access and security. There was no decision made regarding this issue.
28. The Board thanked Marlene for hosting the meeting and for the great lunch.
29. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by Donna Beveridge, KK6UDF

Secretary