

General Meeting Minutes
Riverside County Amateur Radio Association
8 April 2021

The meeting was called to order on ZOOM, by the president, Alan, KM6KPW, at 7 PM. Those in attendance were: AJ6MF, AJ6PH, KJ6KE, KK6CTX, KK6CTT, W6SOW, AD6FR, KM6KPH, K6LG, KM6LOQ, KE6RYX, N6RQW, NC6V, N6FRW, and three guests.

Financial Report – Checking: \$5,012.35, Saving: 3,827.99

Membership Report – Membership count is 43

Old Business –

- Field Day 2021 planning
 - June 26-27
 - Teespring RCARA Field Day T-Shirts
 - Committee John W7RSO, Juan AJ6PH, Carrie N6LMA
 - Permit for park has been secured
- Echolink capability to link to W6TJ repeater.
 - Internet connection working. Use Node KM6KPW-R
 - Working with all platforms - PC Client, mobile platforms
 - Working with Trustee Don KD6UVT to get W6TJ callsign signed up for Echolink. Goal is to have Echolink use club callsign.

New business: Alan said that because there were frequent power interruptions at his home, backup power was needed to keep the KM6KPW-R radio powered, to keep the W6TJ-R Echolink functioning. He proposed that a power supply be purchased for this. After discussion, it was decided to purchase the power supply, and to use the club's existing batteries, to insure coverage of a two-hour outage. It was moved, seconded and passed, that funds, not to exceed \$200 be authorized for this.

It was announced that a permit had been issued for use of the Martha McLean Park Field Day site on 26 June.

KE6RYX cautioned that, nevertheless, was important to be on site before others enter the park. The restrooms will be open, therefore a porta-potty will not be needed. The event will be Saturday only. Because of the COVID restrictions, there will be prepackaged food items only. Final equipment contributions will be finalized at the May meeting.

The program, entitled "A QRP Moonbounce Adventure" was given by Clair, K6LG.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by Clair, K6LG, Acting Secretary