

Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Type: In Person at Kountry Folks Restaurant **Date:** Feb 13, 2025

Attendees: Madeleine H AJ6MF, Bruce S W6SOW, Jackie M KO6HTA, Adrian B KO6DEZ, James W AG6EA, Scott C KN6OEH, Bob Turner W6RHK (non-member), Rich T KJ6HJ (plus a guest whom did not sign in), Mike Y KM6LOR, Steve D W7RSO, Christopher A KM6LOQ

Meeting Open: 6 PM

Meeting Closed: 8PM

Meeting Minutes: Madeleine H and transcribed by Shannon J KO6AYV

Presidents opening:

- A. We have a guest speaker for the evening, Bob Turner ARRL Section Manager

Old Business:

- A. **Winter Field Day** 243 contacts, 2 permitted RVs, potluck went well, overnight operations went well despite some rain and cold weather, equipment stayed dry.
 - a. Motion by Jim AG6EA and Bruce W6SOW to buy a new cooler for Field activities, motion passed.
- B. 70th anniversary T shirts- Quotes for the shirts are 50black shirts for \$505.69 and/or 50 grey for \$647.06
 - a. Motion by Bruce W6SOW and Jim AG6EA to purchase shirts. Motion passed.
- C. Silent Auction online at club's website was completed and totaled an income of 1,300.00
- D. Steve W6DTH wants to add an All Star node to repeater in 2025. Discussed previously.

Treasure Report:

- A. Checking balance \$5834.35
- B. Savings Balance \$3847.82 in Savings.
- C. 1300 income from silent auction, paid 200 out for clubs liability insurance recurring charge for renewal
- D. Federal Tax will be filed and are in progress
- E. CA taxes have been filed. Secretary of State papers filed.

Membership report Adrian:

- A. Currently at 68 members goal to get to 70 + this year

Communications Ron:

- A. No issues reported

Website report Juan:

- A. No issues reported. Silent Auction was completed and worked well. Updated for new meeting sites to come in near future.

Monday night nets:

- A. Not discussed to give speaker time

Additional discussions/New Business:

- A. Need A committee for June Field Day planning-
- B. New meeting site for the months that previously were zoom only we can do both zoom and in person for those months. The new site for those meetings is the Riverside Emergency Operations Center on St Lawerance Street. The site information and address will be on our W6TJ.org website. The hope is to be able to conduct amateur license exams at this location in the future as well.
- C. GUEST SPEAKER NOTES: Presentation by Bob Turner about ARRL activities: Our area includes Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial Counties.
 - a. ARRL working on legislation to permit Ham antennas in limited-space areas
 - b. ARRL is a volunteer operation
 - c. ARRL conducts sweepstakes for members
 - d. ARRL publishes magazines- On The Air, QST, etc.; Feb 28,
 - e. ARRL will show a video on using a HandHeld.
 - f. upcoming events of interest; Yuma Ham fest is on weekend, Ham Escape in April in Big Bear, June Field Day