

Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

RCARA MEETING

Meeting Type: Board

Meeting Location: Zoom

Date: 04-08-2025

Meeting start time: 07:04 PM

Meeting end time: 08:07 PM

Attendees:

- Shannon KO6AYV, Marlenee KK6CTX, Ron KE6RYX, Adrian KO6DEZ, Steve W7DTH, Juan AJ6PH

Presidents opening (Steve):

- Board Group chats- any issues, group consensus that the threads are working with some duplicate threading at times unsure why
- RCARA donated equipment from last year is still in Steve storage he put it all into totes and group suggested maybe a yard sale type table for field day if we have time to go through and organize it all before then
- This months General Meeting will be at Kountry Folks on thursday at 6pm. Shannon and Madeline will not be in attendance so if the meeting is not zoom also someone will need to take notes. Steve may consider a zoom option as well
- 6 Meter chat on tuesday Steve would like to see more participation from the board members so he suggested moving Board meeting nights away from tuesdays, the Board voted to move the Board Meetings to Wednesday (the night before the general meeting) with the following new changes to our operations
 - Shannon and Juan will create a board meeting note google document to be shared with the board members, each board member will be responsible to either type in their own report by tuesday night or to email shannon their report so that she can copy paste it to the google document before the meeting on Wednesday. This means Shannon MUST complete the board notes the same night of the meeting so they are ready for the voting on the next night.
 - We will continue to upload those to the website once meetings and notes are completed. This will also allow for additional document saving and electronic recording.

- Board members are then encouraged to be more active in tuesday night 6 meter chats as we will no longer have board meeting conflicts of time.

Vice Presidents Report (John):

- NA

Treasure Report (Jim):

- Emailed account updates to board members earlier today as his report
 - Checking balance 7151.14
 - Saving balance 3848.13

Membership Report (Adrian):

- Application from R.M. came through tonight in both email and on the google sheet so Shannon and Adrian will update the information tonight and make a membership card. Payment already received and confirmed for this member.
- 2 members have put in applications this month but we are waiting on treasury confirmation of payment before sending out the membership cards, will send an email for updates

Communications (Ron):

- No issues to report

Webmaster/Net Control Report (Juan):

- Website had issues with broken links and certain selections (previous, next) were directing visitors to hidden or unused posts. Issue was corrected by creating a new page. W6TJ has resumed normal operation.
 - Per Steve if issues continue in future we may want to consider getting a new Webserver but of course keep the W6TJ.org domain name....
- EchoLink is operating as normal. No issues.
- Monday net tally sheet now includes a link in cell 1A with a current script.
- Shannon will cover Monday net on April 28th so this WILL NOT BE simplex but will be a normal net. We will remind everyone on nets prior and at the general meeting as well as throughout that net.

Secretary Report (Shannon):

- Field day planning
 - Need to appoint a planning committee chairperson: Shannon volunteered and was appointed

- First planning meeting scheduled for April 23 at 7pm Via zoom, Steve will arrange so we can use the zoom login from the website that we currently use for meetings.
- Shannon created a template official invite letter for our Field day event to start sending out to elected officials, media sources, and Emergency services departments such as police, fire, OEM, mayor, sheriff, city council members
 - Identified some local news media sites that we may send invites to
 - What's up Riverside, Press Enterprise, The Riversider, Channel 9
 - Board agreed that for the invite letters the person of contact should be the club President so his information will be added to Shannons template letter.

New Business: