

## Riverside County Amateur Radio Association

# RCARA MEETING (Board)

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Meeting Type: Board

Meeting Location: Zoom

Date: 07-May-2025

Meeting start time: 07:01 PM    Meeting end time: 08:12 PM

### Attendees:

- Shannon KO6AYV, Adrian KO6DEZ, Steve W7DTH, John W7RSO, Jim AG6EA, Ron KE6RYX

### Presidents opening (Steve):

- Declare the meeting open and welcome everyone.
- AllSTAR Node Linking project update
  - Repeater Trustee, Don KD6UVT has obtained the first AllStar Link node number (648091) and we can start building the necessary hubs and linking nodes.
  - Now I just need to start building out the Hub Node to get it online and operational for testing.
- POTA 19 April Review
  - We had 9 folks attend the POTA event at Lake Perris SRA and 3 operators that participated in activating the park. Ed AJ6ET, Juan AJ6PH and Steve W7DTH combined to make 40 contacts. We also had one gentleman that was studying for his ticket and took a club card with the promise to join once he becomes a ham operator.
- The Club Coffee Machine has been purchased along with two kinds of coffee. I will bring it to the general meeting if we can get permission to serve coffee. We need to find out from Philip if we can bring dessert/baked good items to our meeting at the EOC. I need to get some cups, stir sticks, sugar and creamer to go in the bin I have it in.
- A response email to Lieutenant Collopy, RPD's inquiry has been submitted...we are hoping they will attend our event. They are the only ones so far that have responded to the emails Shannon has sent out.

### Vice Presidents Report (John):

- Unsure if he will be able to attend Field Day if he is in attendance he will NOT have the RV

### Secretary Report (Shannon):

- Approval of 08 -April-2025 Board Meeting Minutes
  - Motion by Ron KE6RYX and seconded by Adrian KO6DEZ. Voted to be approved: YES
- Winter Field Day Planning Meeting 1 was held on 23 April 2025 via zoom (8 attended)
  - appointed Adrian KO6DEZ and Sandy KK6CVV as safety officers for the event
  - 300.00 approved last general meeting for beverages/Keurig/General Supplies
    - Steve already purchased the Keurig and pods, I will purchase the beverages closer to event
- Up to 1,000.00 approved for field day prizes at last general meeting:

- HRO gift cards 150\$, 100\$, 50\$, up to 250\$ for headset or equivalent, an allstar node 350 are in purchase process already
- Additional donated prizes from Marlene KK6CTX available for shannon to pick up

Invites to Mayor Lock Dawson, Representative Takano, Senator Cervantes, Council members (Falcone, Cervantes, Robillard, Condor), Riverside county Sheriff Chad Bianco and the Sheriffs department, Riverside City Fire Chief were mailed out the last week of April

Email Invite sent to RPD chief and RPD POP and community engagement officers  
 Riverside City Office of Emergency management  
 Media Invites and press releases were also sent out

★ Additional considerations- Please no pets this year, some members with severe allergies....  
 Also no overnight camping gear can be set up till after dark and must be removed upon awakening in AM as the park police have asked us not to encourage camping

#### Treasure Report (Jim):

- Will not be at field day but has one of the clubs batteries he will bring to meeting tomorrow with charger to give to Adrian
- Bank statement has not arrived yet so no updated balances
- Field day approved gift cards have been purchased and will be brought to tomorrow's meeting to give to Steve or Adrian.

#### Membership Report (Adrian):

- Member count at 60 members active for 2025
  - 4 more submitted applications but we are waiting on payments
  - 10 more were members last year that have not renewed yet for this year and are inactive at the moment
  - Welcome our 3 new members Dan N6DPG, Lynn KI6EQP, and Eric KB6VPI

Facebook followers are currently at about 115 and growing.

#### Communications (Ron):

- A report was made and the Communications tech from the Riverside City will follow up and do maintenance check on the 220 link

#### Webmaster/Net Control Report (Juan):

- Website: No major issues. Operation normal.
  - There have been numerous updates to WordPress and plugins that our website uses. These updates could be the cause of our broken links. Alan, KM6KPW, and I will continue to troubleshoot links that are not working properly.
  - Per conversation with Alan, WordPress is the simplest tool to maintain a website.
- Echolink: No issues
- Net: April had an average of 30 check-ins.
- Steve and Ron brought- nets and check-ins after an event like our recent earthquakes
  - Suggested making a very short net script announcing an emergency or event net check in
  - Ask for emergency or priority traffic
  - Ask for any one wanting to check in
    - Location, name, call sign, conditions/damages, injuries, if assistance in needed

Disseminate any updates on conditions after the event such as:

damages to repeaters, epicenter, road closures, Richter scale, alerts, power status

Suggestion made to run the optional check ins and information disseminations for about 30 mins after an event occurs or longer if needed for major events. Steve mentioned in a disaster we want the net controllers and operators familiar with practice so we should be doing it more actively for things like the recent earthquake. Shannon will work on something and submit it to Juan for approval.

#### Old Business:

- 70th anniversary Meeting Party October 9
  - 2 100\$ HRO gift certs approved by general membership already
  - Update on costs of cake to propose to membership?

#### New Business:

- Creation of a club Instagram was proposed by general membership at F.D planning meeting Juan AJ6PH was going to look into this present the info to general membership and board when he had more info.
  - Instagram is in the process and is requiring some extra steps to complete using our club Google Voice number.

#### Announcements/Other/Upcoming Events

- Field Day 2025 planning meeting number 2 via zoom 14 May 2025 at 7 pm
- October 9 Meeting/ 70th Anniversary Party