

Minutes For Paso Robles Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting: Monday July 10, 2023

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bill Wimmer (KB6WRW) at 1907 hours.

Round table introductions: 11 Members
 2 Guests

Minutes for June 5, 2023 motion by Jim (KM6 second by Sandra (KK6DMD),
APPROVED

Treasurer's Report- Debbi Brooks (N6QOB)

Petty Cash:	\$ 44.57
General Fund:	\$3,358.25

Old Business:

- a) ARES/RACES Net Control operators needed.
- b) Scott (NS7C) reported on ARES (See Attached for All Comments)
- c) PRARC Tower Trailer & Generator/Tower have repairs near completion
- d) Siren Test Has Been Cancelled.

New Business:

Field Day was a success but with few volunteers. Those in attendance had a good time. Wx was great.

Thanks to: John (KN6TAZ) for use of his property
Ron (K6JTA) bringing radios for 2m and 40m, arranging for generator from Alltech Services, getting cables and spider boxes and return.
Tom (WB9VXY) for power cables and spider boxes.
Greg (KM6IQG) for help on setup, picking up antennas, generator tower, and returning them.
JohnTom (N6FVY) for arranging for CERT trailer, and 40m mast.
Eric (KN6EIV) for driving up to Lockwood to pick up the mast and the CERT trailer and returning.
Scott (NS7C) forgetting us on the air with APRS, Winlink, and manning the 40m station.
Bill (KB6WRW) for getting food, cooking, operating, and setup tear down.

Thank you letter has been sent to Alltech Services for use of their generator.

Upcoming Events:

- September 16-EROICA California Bicycle Ride-Volunteers Needed.
- September 30-Lighthouse Bicycle Ride-Volunteers Needed.
- October 14, 2023-Pioneer Day Parade-Volunteers Needed.
- October 28-Bovine Bicycle Ride-Volunteers Needed.

August BBQ is scheduled for August 7, 2023 at 1800 hours, Warbird Museum.

Discussed having a work party at Greg Bailey's to do maintenance of the three beams.

Discussion on a group effort to have a club trustee to revive John Dallons call sign for the repeater W6YDZ.

Snacks provided by Bill (KB6WRW)

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

Ron Rose (K6JTA)
Secretary

Paso Club Notes 7/10/2023

ARES:

Still working on filling leadership roles in the county. The following assignments have been made:

ARES EC, South County, Joe Biniskiewicz, KD6ECF

ARES EC, Estero area, Dick Watts, AF6MP

ARES EC, North County, Ron Patterson, W6FM

Still need to cover the Central area (SLO) and North Coast (Cambria)

Until these positions are filled, I will be working directly with the teams in each area. Ron's health may become an issue and we may need to assign someone else for North County.

Training is my top priority. We are in the process of aligning the SLOECC training plan with the ARES Standard Position Task Book. The two plans are already close. ARES Team members need to start working on the Task Book items. I would like to hold some training workshops in the coming months.

The Sheriff Department has asked for an updated call out list, the current list dates back to 2008. This brings up the point that if you have not submitted an ARES application, either recently or ever, then you are not an ARES member and not likely to be called up.

We continue to make progress getting people up to speed using Winlink Messaging. We have hit as many as 10 messages on a Tuesday night. I encourage ARES members to master this skill. The packet network is working well at this point with only one node down (Nipomo). This gives us pretty good coverage county wide.

Still looking for a better solution for the North County net now that the Williams Hill and Mt Lowe repeaters are no longer linked. One thought is to use the 444.525 W6FM repeater on Tassajara instead of Mt Lowe, and then use the remote base on that repeater to link to Williams Hill. I'm still trying to get permission from Ron to do that.

Templeton Repeater:

The 146.880 repeater in Templeton has been having trouble for at least a couple years. This repeater is located at Jon Dallon's house where we had our Field Day setup. I offered to take a look at the repeater while I was there at FD. It ultimately came home with me, and is in the process of being rebuilt. I also plan to do some cleanup at the site, and longer term, restore the 220 repeater there. Jon is interested in having the club use the repeater for casual use and also EMCOMM as needed. Jon told me it was active with many club members in the past.