

URAC General Meeting March 18, 2022

Meeting called to order 7:08 pm - Recorded



Attendance:

Pres	Steve Mandich	K6NT
Treasurer	Gary Forister	N6HMR
Secretary	Treva Forister	N6HMS
Director	Scotty Butler	K6ZNL
Director	Martin Hochman	N6UB
Director	Bill Carter	W6AJ
Director	Tom Ciezky	KN6IPZ
Past Pres	Doug Dowds	W6HB
Bill Heather	KB6WKT	
Mary Hochman	KN6MVP	
Gina Mandich	KF6MYQ	
Beth Newman	licensed 1987-2004, prior URAC member	

Not Present:

Vice Pres Tom Marinello K6IGY

Treasurers report: Motion to approve Doug, 2nd Bill KB6WKT; Approved

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Feb as of **28FEB**

Income \$30.00
Dues \$30.00
Expenses \$25.84
PayPal \$0.84
SI-100 \$25.00
Bank Balance \$4,540.41

MAR as of 18Mar

Income \$10
Dues \$10.00
Expenses \$0.00
Bank Balance \$4,550.41

- - Breakdown - -
Earmarked for Field Day \$252.25
General Fund \$4,298.16

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Minutes - January - Motion to approve Doug W6HB, 2nd Bill KB6WKT; Approved

Think Cafe - 2nd Thursday at 1:30. 10 attended for largest gathering in 2 years. Will ask for seating outside depending on weather since it is quieter and easier to converse.

Thursday Net - Tuesday 8pm 2 Meter, Mt Wilson, 2.5 watts, Nick is the moderator
W6MEP 147.240/147.840 +600, PL 67 Hz.

Field Day -

- o Bill KB6WKT will find out if Kristen Heather, Pt Fermin curator, can more easily obtain permits for Angels Gate Park than going through our past drawn-out process. Doug said he would be able to get a key w/o deposit. If not doable at Angels Gate Park, Tom KN6IPZ said the Manhattan Beach National Guard Armory is an option. A discussion about where to hang a wire was discussed but not confirmed.

- Bill KB6WKT & possibly one other Downey Club member will join the K6AA site. Bringing his self-contained van would allow 2 additional stations inside besides his sheltered one outside. He'll be using a hex beam.

LAMM K6AA - 2nd floor should open by the end of April; hours Wed - Sun 12-5 pm.

- K6AA will need operators to commit for these hours if we want to (possibly) have access to the Break Room. Doug, John Linder (Sundays - interested in Packet cluster), Tom Ciezky, George, Larry, Steve, Martin & Mary, Gary & Treva have said they will operate.
- Scotty is Station Manager and does the Operator Training. To operate, email Scotty for the K6AA Operator Form and complete the certification process thru Rec & Parks. A Live Scan is required; let Scotty know when your Live Scan is accomplished so Marifrances can finish the process.
- Doug reiterated K6AA equipment needs to be checked out & there is no *Equipment Manager*. Doug suggested Steve contact Mike Fry KM6AB (lives part time in San Pedro but is not currently a member) for the position.
- Contacts have been paper-logged in the past since not all operators were computer literate. George will look into using the ACL logging program if a smart phone is used for a hot spot. Additional training would be necessary if we don't use paper logs. Backing up online logs might not be possible if wifi access is not always accessible.
- Wi-Fi exists at the museum. Scotty will find out if operators will have access to use the museum's Wi-Fi. Doug doubted it since individuals would have to sign in & out for the city to monitor any improper website usage. Doug suggested the Iowa Wi-Fi might be available for K6AA in the future.
- Doug has asked Marifrances to deal directly with Steve for new volunteers. As he is Station Trustee, Marifrances will continue to work with Doug for station issues.
- We own the small fridge in that area.

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend - 3rd full-weekend in August. Gary will send out **survey** mid-April to see who will participate in this 48-hour event.

August BBQ - Gary will send out **survey** asking who will show up & what preference members have for the August BBQ location: Friendship Park or Pt Fermin (both ILLW and the BBQ are on the same weekend).

Trailer - Needs to be VIN stamped by CHP before registering with DMV for new tags. Used twice a year; *Field Day & International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend*.

Meeting Closed 8:00. Motion by Scotty, 2nd Bill KB6WKT approved.

January minutes - Items carried over:

May White Elephant - Martin heard nothing back after posting in *Nextdoor* asking for leads for White Elephant locations with easy parking and no stairs. Ingo will contact Elk's club about 3rd Fri (6-9pm) or Sat in May and Nov since he's a member.

LAMM access - Steve will designate who will be responsible for, and will carry, the keys in the future.

February minutes - Items carried over:

Website - Doug will let Tom K6IGY know which *Members Only Documents* are obsolete.

Sam - Ivan will visit Sam as he has not been on the radio or responded to phone calls.

Programs - Tom K6IGY will survey members to see preference for live presentations or video.