

URAC General Meeting May 20, 2022

Meeting called to order 7:01 pm

Recorded



Attendance:

Pres	Steve Mandich	K6NT
Secretary	Treva Forister	N6HMS
Vice Pres	Tom Marinello	K6IGY
Director	Scotty Butler	K6ZNL
Director	Bill Carter	W6AJ
Director	Tom Ciezky	KN6IPZ
Past Pres	Doug Dowds	W6HB
	George Nestojko	NA6Q
	Ken Ota	W1NCA
	Gina Mandich	KF6MYQ

Not Present:

Treasurer	Gary Forister	N6HMR
Director	Martin Hochman	N6UB

Treasurers report: Not presented.

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March synopsis:

Income \$20
 Dues \$20.00
 Expenses \$0.84
 PayPal \$0.84
 Bank Balance \$4,559.57

April as of 15APR

Income \$20
 Dues \$20.00
 Expenses \$0.00
 PayPal \$0.00
 Bank Balance \$4,579.57

No changes as of 20MAY

- - Breakdown - -

Earmarked for Field Day \$252.25
 General Fund \$4,327.32

28 Members

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April Minutes - Motion to approve Tom M, 2nd Scotty; Approved

Think Cafe - 2nd Thursday at 1:30. 8 attended in May. The 1st Tuesday Breakfast will be June 7th, at 9 am in their meeting room. Attendance will determine if one or both will continue for now. Usually they wouldn't occur in the same week.

Field Day - Set-up Fri June 24th, 11am, Field Day Sat June 25th, 11am thru Sun June 26th, 11am

- o Doug gave the restroom key to Steve.
- o Insurance rider - Gary obtained and passed documentation to Steve on 10MAY.
- o Who will collect & tally the stations logging? Steve will ask Ray about it.

- Angels Gate - Steve will check with Joe Stackhouse for progress on the site application. The Angels Gate artist fundraiser, Saturday evening, expects around 200 attendees.
- Laptops will be needed for logging at each station. Download software from N3FJP.com after May 1st. 6.6.2 is latest revision today. Gary has passwords. Flash drives will be used to gather logs (rather than networking).
- Tom M will not be able to attend Field Day, but still offered items (below).
- Ken - might run a satellite station.
- Steve - will ask Larry if he's going to set up a Solar power station.
- GOTA station can be VHF or HF.
- Tom Ciezky said there would not be a rental fee at the Manhattan Beach Armory provided we operate under the units name as a training event.
- Scotty has not bought the 7300 for running FT8, but Tom M said it would be difficult to make it work. It's on her list for the future.

Please contact hams listed below to work out details if you need the items below:

- Doug - Mobil 40m.
- Tom M - 2m antenna. He'll also look over Bruce's Windom antennas.
- Tom M - Pop-up w/sides & extension cords (for plugging into Bill's generator). Mag Loop antenna.
- Tom M - Fire Extinguishers. Bill KB6WKT has one on his vehicle.
- Steve - will bring a new Coleman 6'x10' wind resistant tent for CW.
- Steve - club's triplexer 1050 and isolation filters. Has 40m wire & 3 element beam.
- Ray Day - will work CW. Contact him for details. Has a 40/80 m long wire
- Scotty - Publicity & visiting official - if the old info makes it easy.
- Scotty - will bring her FT840 & laptop but needs a tower, antenna & Bill's KB6WKT generator. She would work VHF/UHF 2M/440M
- Ken - has a Cross Yagi, End-Fed antenna 160M - 10M
- Bill KB6WKT - suggested members keep FD simple since this is a shake down after COVID shut us down and we're just returning again.

LAMM K6AA - 2nd floor won't be opened until mid June, at earliest. Waiting for materials.

- K6AA still needs operators to commit for Wed, Fri, & Sat, if we want to (possibly) have access to the Break Room. Doug (Thurs), John Linder (Sundays - interested in Packet cluster), Scotty, Tom Ciezky, George, Larry, Steve, Martin & Mary, Gary & Treva (Thurs - twice/mo), and Ken Ota (paperwork in process) 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 LA Co. Parks & Recreation. A Live Scan is required; let Scotty know when your Live Scan is accomplished so Marifrances can finish the process.
- There is no *Equipment Manager*. Mike Fry KM6AB lives part time in San Pedro, is not currently a member, and does not want 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 Wi-Fi 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.

Museum Ships Weekend - 1st weekend in **June**. Doug said operating off of the museum's back deck is an option. Operating on the Tug boat probably isn't available. Steve will look into this. Gary will send out a participation survey after Steve finds out about our options.

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

August BBQ - Gary sent out a survey asking who will show up & what preference members have for the August BBQ location: Friendship Park (9 votes) or Pt Fermin (3 votes) (both ILLW and the BBQ are on the same weekend. Steve will see if reserving Friendship Park is an option.

Holiday Party/Thieves Exchange - Gary will send out a survey in October to estimate participation on the 2nd Saturday, December 10th, 6-9pm, so the Think Cafe has time to rebook the room if we don't have enough commitment.

Meeting Presentations - Dave Bassler's short YouTube videos will be shown for now.

HamCon - Icom SHF announcement was mentioned by Doug. <https://qrper.com/2022/05/icom-drops-hints-about-the-shf-p1-controller-prototype-concept/>

Meeting Closed 8:00. Motion by Scotty, 2nd Tom; approved.

January minutes - Items carried over:

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.

April Minutes - Items carried over:

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.*