

URAC General Meeting July 15, 2022

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm
Recorded



Attendance:

Pres	Steve Mandich	K6NT
Vice Pres	Tom Marinello	K6IGY
Treasurer	Gary Forister	N6HMR
Secretary	Treva Forister	N6HMS
Director	Scotty Butler	K6ZNL
Director	Bill Carter	W6AJ
Director	Martin Hochman	N6UB
Past Pres	Doug Dowds	W6HB
	George Nestojko	NA6Q
	Gina Mandich	KF6MYQ
	Mary Hochman	KN6MVP

Not Present:

Director	Tom Ciezky	KN6IPZ
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Treasurers report:

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APRIL synopsis:

Income \$20

Dues \$20.00

Expenses \$0.00

PayPal \$0.00

Bank Balance \$4,579.57

JUL ... No Changes

- - **Breakdown** - -

Earmarked for Field Day \$0.00

General Fund \$4,040.45

28 Members

MAY ... No changes

JUNE synopsis:

Income \$0

Expenses \$539.12

Insurance \$200.00

Field Day Tent \$224.45

Field Day Food \$114.67

Bank Balance \$4,040.45

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June Minutes - Motion to approve Tom, 2nd Gary; Approved

Treasurer's report: - Motion to approve Treva, 2nd Tom; Approved

Field Day review - Ran 3A, Ray computed contacts/bonus points a score of 7,644.

Food expenses were partially covered by remaining FD Earmarked funds (\$27.80); the excess (\$86.87) was covered by the General Fund (being under \$200, board members present agreed this fell under *By-Laws*, Article IV, Section 5).

Tower - Frozen arm needs to be fixed. It needs to be VIN stamped by CHP before registering with DMV for new tags.

Doug will find out from his CHP contact if an appointment is needed to get a VIN for a 10 year tag.

Steve will find someone who has a truck with a hitch (and a 2" ball) and tail light plug socket for transporting it to the CHP. Steve or Doug will ask Larry about the lights for the trailer.

Kristin Heather suggested writing LA Parks & Recreation about rewording the No Parking sign near the Marine Exchange to better clarify its application to the round pad, not the paved roadway, so Field Day stations can be set up at sites used in previous years by Sam & Ivan.

Scotty expects to have more amateur radio informational handouts next year.

Bob Grubic NC6Q who taught CW classes expressed interest in joining URAC.

Treva N6HMS will send a *Thank You* note to Rich AA6VX for bringing his RV down for the CW station.

K6AA Equipment Manager - George volunteered. He may also be eased into the Station Manager position. Scotty will return at the end of August. Please let Scotty know which days/times you would like to work the station, i.e. every week, twice a month, 5 hours or less, allowing for flexibility in scheduling.

Think Cafe

2nd Thursday lunch at 1:30. For July, 10 were accommodated in the meeting room. Mike Fryer may help K6AA.

1st Tuesday Breakfast at 9 am is booked in the meeting room. No one attended in July. Attendance will determine if one or both will continue.

LAMM K6AA - 2nd floor won't be opened until further notice. Still waiting for a few finishing touches. Might be opened in August.

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend - 3rd full-weekend in **August**. Bill Heather is the contact for this 48-hour event. Show up and help out!

August BBQ - Gary will send out a 2nd survey asking who will show up and if September 17th is preferred over August 20th. Steve will reserve Friendship Park when date is determined.

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.

Presentation - Solar Panel Interference. It was recorded and [the link](#) posted in the chat bar.

Meeting Closed 8:18. Motion by Tom, 2nd Scotty; approved.

January minutes - *Items carried over:*

- o 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.

April Minutes - *Items carried over:*

- Trailer - Used twice a year; Field Day & International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend.

May Minutes - *Items carried over:*

- K6AA still needs operators to commit for Wed, Fri, & Sat. At present we have interest to cover other dates as follows: Doug (Thurs), John Linder (Sundays - interested in Packet cluster), Scotty, Tom Ciezky, George, Larry, Steve, Martin & Mary, Gary & Treva (Thurs - twice/mo), Ken Ota, and Steve have said they will operate.
- 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.