

**URAC General Meeting August 19, 2022**

**Meeting called to order 7:08 pm**

Recorded



**Attendance:**

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

**Not Present:**

Director	Scotty Butler	K6ZNL
Director	Tom Ciezky	KN6IPZ

**Treasurers report:**

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**APRIL synopsis:**

**Income \$20**

Dues \$20.00

**Expenses \$0.00**

PayPal \$0.00

**Bank Balance \$4,579.57**

**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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**JUL ... No Changes**

**AUG ... No Changes**

**- - Breakdown - -**

Earmarked for Field Day \$0.00

General Fund \$4,040.45

**28 Members**

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

**Treasurer's report:** - Motion to approve Treva, 2nd Bill; Approved.

**Budget** - It was suggested URAC should project an annual budget.

- o Discussion of treasury funds. It was brought up that, should we lose use of the Maritime Museum for our station, funds will be required to remove antennas from the roof.
- o Consensus is the Icom 756 Pro is not repairable.
- o An ICOM 7300 would be a good station upgrade.
  - [comment - [At HRO the cost with discounts is \\$1,149.95 through 9/30/2022](#)]

**Proxy** - If a Board member is not able to attend the Board meeting, a proxy should be designated so business can be conducted with a quorum in attendance.

**Think Cafe**

2nd Thursday lunch at 1:30. For August, 9 were accommodated in the meeting room.

Only 5 attended the Tuesday Breakfast. Doug made a motion to cancel the breakfast and keep the lunch. 2nd by Treva. Approved.

**International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend** - Cancelled. Bill Heather is not able to set up & run his station because of work commitments.

**August BBQ** - September 10th, instead of August, was suggested for the gathering. Friendship Park reservation/cleanup fee is \$135, up from \$83. Other locations were discussed. Pt. Fermin would have tables and chairs, but might interfere with lighthouse visitors. Catering by Harry's for around \$15 was suggested to avoid COVID concerns. Besides a nice selection of meats, Harry's offers a vegan 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.

**PSK** - Martin has gear to donate. It could go to K6AA or a white elephant sale. Signal links were discussed.

**Presentation** - there was no presentation.

**Meeting Closed 7:55.** Motion by Doug, 2nd Martin; approved.

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**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:*

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

**July Minutes** - *Items carried over:*

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