

Inland Empire Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the General Meeting

February 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Chuck Sweeten AI6I followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and introductions of members and guests. There were 24 members and 7 guests present.

Minutes of the January, 2008 General Meeting – The motion by Cliff N6CTW, seconded by Ian KI6IES, to accept the Minutes, was approved.

January Treasurer's Report was distributed by Treasurer Cliff N6CTW. The motion by Dave N6BCD, seconded by John K6JGY, to accept the report, was approved.

Committees. For more information on the committee activities, contact the Chairperson. If you are interested in filling one of the chair vacancies, please contact the Club President.

Membership – Doug KE6UUC said that the club has 61 paid members. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do it by the March meeting.

Newsletter – John KQ6ES emailed a February newsletter and will continue as editor. Clint K6LCS and Dave KB6ZKB offered their help.

Website – Clint K6LCS will be the new webmaster.

Tasma – A TASMA representative is needed. Chuck AI6I said that the meetings are usually held on Saturdays in Santa Monica.

VE Session – In the morning session one Technician passed the General and Extra exams.

ARES/RACES – Dave N6BCD told us that some new Net procedures will soon take effect.

IECARO – Doug KE6UUC will assist Dave N6BCD. Dave said that IECARO will hold a monthly meeting to discuss the next convention. Someone from IECARO is scheduled to speak at the March meeting.

Contests – John KQ6ES showed the Club's ARRL Worked All States Award. No club events are scheduled this month. See the Newsletter for the February contest highlights.

Field Day – A Field Day chairperson is still needed.

Education – Chuck AI6I will be holding his Technician license class starting February 4 at the City of Montclair.

Technical Committee – The source of the interference to the output of our repeater has been traced to another repeater. An email has been sent informing the trustee and requesting that the problem be fixed.

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Swap Meet – Ian KI6IES will be moving to the high desert. He will remain a member but February will be his last month as swap meet chair. A new chair is needed ASAP.

Public Service – A chairperson is needed.

Net – Frank K6FED will continue to coordinate Net activity. Contact Frank if you would like to take a turn as Net Control.

Old Business – John K6JGY spoke about what was needed to link our two repeaters. He estimated a cost of \$2200 if all equipment is new, and suggested that some of our surplus equipment is sold to help fund the cost. John and Chuck AI6I told us that someone had anonymously donated radio equipment to the club on condition that some of it is put on eBay. This was done and the equipment was sold for \$537. Some of that money was used for shipping the Club-owned 2m duplexers for evaluation. A price quote for their repair is expected soon. Some members asked what the benefits to the Club are if the repeaters are linked. The reply was that the main advantage is greatly increased coverage, for emergencies and for our members in normal use. Liz WD9CKM said that any funds used for linking the repeaters should not be taken from our swap meet income or existing bank accounts.

New Business – Clint K6LCS said that the Space Station repeater is back in use, and that amateur satellite AO16 is now active.

Speaker – A presentation was given by Sandy Sue Taylor KD6HCI of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay communications support services. 240 runners are expected this year on the 120 mile course, which has been modified this year. Among the many thousands of people involved, about 250 hams are involved in overall race communications, and as many as 600 hams will help the individual teams. Among their tasks will be checking in the runners at each stage, reporting their condition, keeping team captains informed, and assisting the photography crew. Sandy's team had 47 members last year. There will be a training session and a 44 page training manual available, but Sandy said that volunteers without experience will be given the opportunity to watch and learn during the race before starting their assignments. People that come together will be kept on the same shift to avoid transportation problems. Volunteers need to bring their own 2m or 2m/440 HT, a flashlight, and refreshments. This year there will be a Venture Crew consisting of scouts, with and without ham licenses. The website is www.k6css.com. You can contact Sandy at admin@k6css.com or by cell phone, 909-223-3328. Tickets were drawn for a prize donated by Communication Support Services. It was won by Derek KN6TD.

Door Prizes - Winners were Chuck AI6I, Bill KG6ZJP, Ian KI6IES, Doug KE6UUC, and Dovie KI6CUU.

Adjournment – The motion to adjourn by John K6JGY was seconded and approved at 10:35 a.m.

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Submitted by John Simmons KQ6ES, Secretary
February 10, 2008

All comments, questions, and responses regarding the Club minutes can be sent directly to the Club President or appropriate Committee Chair, or to me at kq6es@roadrunner.com and I will forward them to the members who can assist you.