

# Minutes of Los Angeles Area Counsel of Amateur Radio Clubs

## April 2, 2019

### Think Cafe, San Pedro, CA

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM, Mark Seigel, Chairman presiding.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3, Introduction of attendees: Those signing in....

Call	First	Last	E-mail	Club Representing,.
KK6BY	Paul	Avery	<a href="mailto:kk6by@att.net">kk6by@att.net</a>	VALBARC/SBARC
WD6FON	Bill	Bradley	<a href="mailto:wd6fon@arrl.net">wd6fon@arrl.net</a>	VALBARC
W6HB	Doug	Dowds	<a href="mailto:w6hb@aol.com">w6hb@aol.com</a>	Battleship Iowa ARA
AI6DF	Diana	Feinberg	<a href="mailto:ai6df@arrl.net">ai6df@arrl.net</a>	Palos Verdes ARC
N6TEB	Dave	Glenn	<a href="mailto:N6TEB@arrl.net">N6TEB@arrl.net</a>	Downey ARC
KG6TBR	Margie	Hoffman	<a href="mailto:Margiehoffman@gmail.com">Margiehoffman@gmail.com</a>	Antelope Valley ARC
WB6MYD	Joe	Lanphen	<a href="mailto:JMLanphen@gmail.com">JMLanphen@gmail.com</a>	South Bay ARC
N6AA	Dick	Norton	<a href="mailto:n6aa@arrl.net">n6aa@arrl.net</a>	ARRL Southwest Director
KC6NNV	Brad	Rachielles	<a href="mailto:bradrachielles@dslextreme.com">bradrachielles@dslextreme.com</a>	TCARA
W6MES	Mark	Seigel	<a href="mailto:mark.seigel@gmail.com">mark.seigel@gmail.com</a>	Pasadena Radio Club
N6RU	Richard	Sherwood	<a href="mailto:n6ru@mail.com">n6ru@mail.com</a>	ARALB
K6JW	Jeff	Wolf	<a href="mailto:k6jw@arrl.net">k6jw@arrl.net</a>	Palos Verdes ARC
	Janet	Meek	<a href="mailto:janme711@hotmail.com">janme711@hotmail.com</a>	URAC

4. Call for additions to the agenda. Nothing added.

5. Reading and approval of the last meeting minutes. (2/5/2019).

- Doug Dowds made motion to accept the 2/5/2019 minutes as corrected. Seconded by Richard Sherwood. Motion Passed.

6. Treasurers Report -

- February Balance \$3324.35
- Deposits since February 120.00
- Paid insurance 320.00
- Current Balance \$3164.35
- We presently had five3 clubs paid with four more clubs renewing their L.A.A.C.A.R.C. memberships. They are:
  - Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC)
  - Western Amateur Radio Association (WARA)
  - South Bay Amateur Radio Club (SBARA)
  - Downey Amateur Radio Club (DARC)
- Doug Dowds made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted and was seconded by Jeff Wolf. Motion Passed.

7. Report of the Secretary - Nothing further reported.

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### 8a. ARRL Report - Dick Norton

- Attended meeting of the ARRL Finance Committee meeting QSL Bureau Charges reduced.
- Professor Ted Rappaport, N9NB, concerned about digital usage disrupting traditional ham operation. Discussion of privilege expansion for Technicians.
- K0IDT against all Pactor modes
- Visalia DX Convention in two weeks.
- Doug Dowds commented: JS8call is a new mode of digital that allows robust "rag chewing".

### 8b. ARRL Report - Diana Feinberg

- ARRL web sites for clubs (data) has been deleted because the clubs had not updated in two years. Please update all club information on the ARRL site.
- Clubs, if you are conducting classes or doing testing, please see that they are listed on both the Section and national ARRL web sites.
- Dr. Mark Chung, Assistant L.A. Section Manager, Education, is working on an on-line ham class.
- Query re Auto-patch repeaters. Trying to help all.
- Two future events to plan for - Baker to Vegas - 4/4/2020 and the LA Marathon - 3/8/2020.
- ARES - Not much to report, although trying to find a new meeting date for ARES South meetings. Will be trying the Second Saturday at 9:00 AM. Working on bugs for ARES Connect.
- Reminded of Field Day and clubs to support ARRL Membership.
- Supporting DMR repeaters and asked if other clubs are using DMR?
- David Ybara, V.A. Hospital of Los Angeles, in charge of emergency communications, looking for Ham radio support.
- **HAMCON Site Exploration**
  - Parks and Community Center, City of Carson, CA., 12,000 Sq. Ft., Lots of rooms and room for 650 cars and more on the street. Not "nickel and dime chasers for every little profit opportunity. Every room charge on an hourly rate of \$250. Would limit convention to two day event. Heavily involved with seniors. Has a food operation.
  - Torrance Marriot - Probably overpriced for needs. Room nights required expanded. Rate of \$159 may be objectionable. Rates marching upward. Parking rates now \$10 per night. Menu prices have really been kicked up. May take HAMCON subsidizing meaning lower sharing for clubs. Storage fees for inbound freight ridiculous.
  - Question is will Hams pay for rooms at that rate or find less expensive accommodations. Need to decide that we WILL have a convention.
  - Further discussion to be tabled.
  - Mark suggested that we keep looking.

### Old Business

### 9. Council Web Site

- Request for Logos and informatin went out to all clubs.
- Richard suggested Wordpress.
- Wants to have a landing site at minimum.
- Viewed old site - Memory Lane.

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**10. Health and Welfare.** Nothing at this time.

**11. Outstanding Business**

- Margie Hoffman - Letter of introduction (Kind of a flyer for the council). Letter of purpose. Good material for web site. Great for outreach to clubs.
- Is there anything that we should insert as agenda items for accomplishment? Doug Dowds asked that we actually complete things that we have started. Need to complete articles of completion.
- Doug suggests "E" meetings to get specifics done. Ecolink.
- Mark wants to put monthly calendar of the member clubs meeting, exams and classes on the web.

**Announcements from Members.**

- Appreciation for Doug making the reservations at the Think Cafe.
- Margie asked if anyone needed member applications?
- Doug - April 19th BIARA will be on the air for the IOWA 47 who died 30 years ago. May 11 is Armed Forces cross test. On ARRL web site.

**Point of information:** Best way to reach Mark Seigel is his Cell at 1-818-430-5244.

**Motion to adjourn** by Doug Dowds at 8:58 PM, seconded by Brad Rachielles, approved.

Next regular meeting is **June 4th, 2019, Location TBD, 1900 to 2100 hours.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brad Rachielles, KC6NNV, TCARA  
Secretary

**Addendum: Meeting Location:** The First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd Street, Downey, CA. 90241 Room 114