

Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association

Minutes for 6/7/2022 via Zoom

Welcome:

Lorna opened the meeting at 19:08. She announced the upcoming events and discussed them, in general, stating that more information would follow in the meeting.

Introductions and Reports: Minutes from the past meeting on 5/3/2022 were read by Secretary Debbie Johnson/WB6LVC.

Treasurer Nancy Karlson/K6CUB then gave the treasurer's report. As of 5/31, the balance in the club's account was \$ 11,484.00. The cost for filing our taxes last month was \$25.00. There will be additional expenses coming up in June as we prepare for Field Day.

Weekly Nets: Denise, N6DEE, NCO Coordinator

Denise stated that the current nets were accurate.

Mondays at 7:00PM, MTARA Net, MTARA-2

Tuesdays at 7:00, MTARA 220 Net, MTARA-5

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, Skywarn and at 7:00, Mountain CERT Net, MTARA-2

Wednesday/Monthly on 7.223 and on Zoom, at 7:30, The HF Net

Fridays at 5:00, The YL Happy Hour Net, MTARA-5

Club Items:

- A. Name tags – Harlan Technologies, Name Tags by Gene, (715) 340-1299, www.hampubs.com Shawn Harlan – KA9BXA, harlantech@gmail.com
- B. Mouse Pads
- C. T-shirts – Port Authority K42OP – Dark Green, L420 – Dark Green, K100LS=Dark Green: Embroidery, Hurt Ink, 6751 Coleen Lane, San Bernardino, Ca, 92407, 909-815-6852, Hurtink815@gmail.com and www.hurtink.com.

Club Events, Discussions/Information:

Tracy reported a small fire from yesterday. He shared about 2 apps to put on our phones to help get emergency information. The first one was Wildfire Info. This gives information from many agencies. The second one was Pulsepoint. On this app, you put

in the name of the agency you want to gather information from. Tracy also noted that our own website has helpful resources to help with problems on the mountains. You go to MTARA.club and select "Resources." There you can choose Live Camera covering many areas. There are also channels to monitor. #402 is from Strawberry Peak, #403 is Keller and #405 is Onyx. These are only to listen to. And remember, MTARA is available as well.

Tracy also gave a quick overview of the upcoming Field Day. It will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Twin Peaks as it was last year. The Lodge will be open on Friday for pre-setup. Attendance will be needed in advance for meal planning. We will not be doing "Run," but we will still do Contacts. Some of the activities will be Anderson Power Poles, Solar Power, Antenna set up, POTA/SOTA and other items from past years.

Presentation: Our presentation for the evening was from Greg/AJ6FM. Greg gave a great overview on POTA/SOTA. He explained the acronyms, the content aspects of the activity, how points are acquired, how you can win trophies and many other parts of the contests. Greg shared the terms used in the activities such as "hunter/chaser," hiker" (out in the field) and "activator." Next, he shared slides to explain "Summits on the Air" and the experiences he had been through. Finally, he gave a summary of the main points on his final slides that included equipment lists and safety steps to take. Q & A followed.

Tracy then commented on locations in the mountains and what had occurred on some of the hikes that were SOTA activities. He mentioned Mount St. Marie and Pinnacles. He reinforced Greg's safety tips about knowing where you are going and necessary details before you go.

Wrap-Up/Close:

Lorna then took back the meeting, thanking all for their attendance. She thanked Greg and Tracy for their presentations and encouragement in these activities. We met our new member, Bob/KO6BOB, whose shack is in a real caboose. He lives near Calico. Gene/KJ6LMP shared the Sea Cadets success in recent competitions.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:50. Next meeting will be on 7/7/2022 @ 7PM IN PERSON at the Lake Arrowhead Presbyterian Church.

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Johnson/WB6LVC

Approved by: