

MOUNTAIN TOP AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Minutes for 1/2/2024

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom

Welcome:

Vic/KK6WKI, President, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. He welcomed all to the meeting which was held remotely via Zoom due to dangerous winter weather conditions.

Introduction and Reports:

Vic thanked the outgoing Board of Directors for their service to the club. The outgoing Board, and other leadership, includes Lorna/KJ6GFS, President; Chet/AE6CO, Vice President; Debbie/WB6LVC, Secretary; Nancy/K6CUB, Treasurer; and Denise/N6DEE, NCO Coordinator. He thanked Paula/KK6LWW for providing the delicious snacks the club has been enjoying at the meetings, and Debbie/WB6LVC and Gary/AA6GJ for producing the informative newsletters. He then introduced the incoming Board of Directors, and other leadership, including Vic, President, Lorna, Vice President, Gail/KM6GBN, Secretary, Nancy, Treasurer, and Denise, NCO Coordinator.

Reports were given by the outgoing Secretary, Treasurer and NCO Coordinator. The balance in the club's treasury as of the end of the year is \$13,941.

Tracy/WM6T encouraged members to participate in the 220 Nets hosted by Debbie/WB6LVC most Tuesdays at 1900 hours. The nets cover a variety of fascinating ham related topics. If members are unable to check in with Debbie, they can check in with Gary on MTARA-2 and he will relay that information.

Members were reminded that annual membership dues are due.

Jo/N6NTJ and Matt received congratulations and applause in recognition of their recent marriage.

Weekly Nets: Denise/N6DEE, NCO Coordinator

Mondays at 7:00 p.m., MTARA Net, MTARA-2

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., MTARA 220 Net, MTARA-5

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

Wednesday/monthly on 7.223 and on Zoom, at 7:30 p.m., the HF Net

Fridays at 5:00 p.m., The YL Happy Hour Net, MTARA-5 (currently on hold)

Club Items:

Name Tags – Harlan Technologies, Name Tags by Gene, (715) 340-1299,
www.hampubs.com Shawn Harlan – KA9BXA, harlantech@gmail.com

Mouse Pads – available for purchase at meeting

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, Presentations:

Dede/K6DDZ gave a slide presentation about Parks On The Air (POTA) including comments from a “Twofer” activation held on December 10, 2023 at Cushenbury (K-4463, K-4562) and an “All Time New One (ATNO)” activation held on December 18, 2023, at the Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve (K-10832). She discussed the guidelines and reminded the group that it is not a contest but rather a fun event that will sharpen our skills. She suggested we plan a group POTA event once the weather allows. Tracy/WM6T is the K-6 Mapping Coordinator for California and Hawaii.

Dede went on to discuss the ARES Program. She thanked Tracy for his leadership and contributions as the San Bernardino Mountains District Emergency Coordinator. Dede has been selected to assume these responsibilities. She gave an overview of ARES, the coverage area and goals and how the Mountain Top ARES group can help with communications. MTARA members were encouraged to join or update their information at ARESDB.com.

Tracy presented an informative Elmer Session titled Understanding Antennas. He covered antenna basics, terminology, types of antennas, how they operate, applications and comparisons.

Quartzfest is coming up January 21 through January 27, 2024, and many of our members are looking forward to attending. Tracy is organizing events and presentations and some of our members will be presenting.

Vic encouraged the members to participate in the special ham radio events throughout the year and invited those who might want some tips on getting started to come by his ham shack and get on the air.

Wrap-Up/Close:

Vic thanked everyone for attending the meeting on Zoom. The next meeting will be on February 6, 2024, at 1900 hours at the Lake Arrowhead Presbyterian Church, weather permitting. The meeting concluded at 2031 hours.

Minutes submitted by Gail Brarmann/KM6GBN.

Approved by: