

SC4ARC GENERAL MEETING
On Zoom
January 16, 2021

Officers Present			Other Members Present	
President	Jeneen Sommers	W6NCS	Neil Panton	W6VG
Vice-President	Bob Mitton	KM6DKE	David McIntyre	KM6DOV
Member at Large	Neil Panton	W6VG	Mary Panton	AF6IE
Secretary	Pat O’Coffey	KJ6GMG	Adda Quinn	KU1NNA
Treasurer	Peter Chupity	KI6FAO	Sue Duhamel	KN6ZA
Member at Large	Angelo Dragone	N6QAD	Krista Kuehnkackl	KM6JVL
Member at Large	Eva Knodt	KN6CZH	Nate Cooper	KN6LGM
Member at Large	Irma Mitton	KM6JVU		

Guest: Laurel Mitton, AJ6AS

1.0. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President, Jeneen Sommers, at 1003 hours.

2.0. SC4ARC Meeting conducted over ZOOM due to Covid-19 gathering restrictions.

3.0. Thank you to the 2020 Board of Directors

- On behalf of the membership, the President thanked the outgoing board for their leadership and accomplishments in 2020, a most difficult year.

4.0. Whistle Blower Policy

- The Secretary reminded the membership of the Whistle Blower Policy. This policy can be found in the library 2021/01. It basically says that all members may raise issues or complaints about any other member without fear of reprisal.

5.0. Membership Dues

- The Board decision was to keep our membership dues at \$35 in 2021. Dues are payable by the end of March. The membership form can be found on the website on the front page, under Information.
- The Secretary asked that you make sure to check the ARRL box, if you are a member of that organization, and to select CERT if you have completed your CERT training. The Club must maintain a 51% or higher membership in ARRL to retain our affiliation with them.

6.0. Subordinate Officers

- Subordinate Officers are appointed by the Board. They do not have a vote on the Board.
- The Board has appointed the following subordinate officers for 2021:
 - Radio Officer: Peter Chupity
 - ARES Liaison: Angelo Dragone
 - Public Information Officer (PIO): Lisa Chupity
 - Property Officer: Will Johnson
- There was a discussion about the need to provide more visibility of the duties of all the officers to the membership, with the hope that this will encourage others to be interested in taking on those

duties. In addition, an org chart of the club positions would be beneficial in describing the relationships between positions. The Board will discuss at the next board meeting.

- Any member who would like to shadow, or assist, with one of the officers should contact that officer directly or the President.

7.0. 2021 Meetings

- The Board will meet monthly instead of quarterly for the first part of the year. Meetings will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel, provided through our Google Suite.
- General Meetings are monthly, except for June (Field Day), October (SET) and December (Holiday Party).
- Members were asked if they would like to change the General Meetings to another day or time because of our current COVID / ZOOM environment. It was decided to keep the general meetings on the third Saturday of the month, at 1000 hours.
- A few members indicated that they either do not get the meeting notices or it is difficult to find the zoom link on the website.
 - The Secretary will provide members with information about how to set email notifications from the website, send members a direct email about upcoming meetings and send a reminder from the website the day before.

8.0. Winter Field Day – Jan 30/31

- Bob presented information about the Winter Field Day, which starts at 1000 hours on January 30. He will post the information on the website.
- We agreed that this should be an official club event and Irma volunteered to be IC for Winter Field Day. She will send out information.
- Operation protocols will basically be the same as Field Day 2020. Go to www.winterfieldday.com for information.

9.0. Technician Licensing Class

- We will be conducting a hybrid on-line Technician Licensing Class, like the recent CERT hybrid class, starting the end of January. It will be a 6-week class, with independent on-line study and weekly 45-minute zoom reviews.
- We will soon have 3 ARRL VECs – David, Angelo and Peter. Testing will be done in cars, monitored by the VECs.
- Since this is a new experience, we want to keep the class size small. We will target the Alpine / Portola State Park area and new CERTS for students. If it works well, we will offer additional classes.
- And a great self-study program can be found at: <https://hamstudy.org/>

10.0. 2021 Calendar of Events

- Field Day: June 26 / 27. Angelo has tentatively agreed to be IC again but would like assistance or someone else to take over if interested. Decision to be made next month.
- Simulated Emergency Test (SET): typically, the 3rd Saturday of October (Oct. 16)
- Holiday Party: December 3
- Simplex Tests: County and SC4ARC – TBD
- Other community events unknown currently

11.0. 2020 Officer / Committee Reports

- The Secretary, Treasurer, Radio Officer, Website Committee and Resource Trailer Committee reviewed their 2020 reports, all of which are available on the website: 2020/12 and 2021/1 folders.
- Our biggest success in 2020 was the exemplary performance of SC4ARES and its leadership by Angelo. We were recognized by the County as part of the La Honda Fire Brigade commendation and by ARRL. Angelo received a commendation by the ARRL for his leadership. The County

Honorary Resolution given to the La Honda Fire Brigade, Loma Mar Fire, King's Mtn Fire and the Large Animal Evacuation Group can be found at the following link:

<https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4696181&GUID=A9C6DD56-38CD-41A2-A0E4-628FDC2FE7E7>

12.0. Committees

- In addition to the ongoing committees of Website, Resource Trailer and Education / Outreach, the Board has created a Repeater Committee. The priority of the Repeater Committee is to complete the move of the 2m repeater to the new Conex box. A budget has been submitted and approved by the Board.
- In addition, the Board is recommending that we create a committee to determine how to spend the \$10,000 grant received in 2020 and a Grant Committee to determine where we might find grant opportunities.
- The Board requests that all committees be run according to the IC structure and that minutes are taken and distributed at committee meetings. The Committee minutes should be uploaded to the library on the website and posted in General Information.
- The President will provide information on the website about the committees and request leadership and participation.

13.0. Training

- Our challenge as a club is to provide training for our diverse technical skill levels. Zoom and our YouTube channel provides us with the ability to do more small group trainings that meet our diverse needs.
- The Board will discuss more about this at our next meeting and information will be forthcoming.

14.0. Meeting Adjourned at 1152 hours.