

SC4ARC GENERAL MEETING
On Zoom
February 20, 2021

Officers Present			Other Members Present	
President	Jeneen Sommers	W6NCS	Neil Panton	W6VG
Vice-President	Bob Mitton	KM6DKE	David McIntyre	KM6DOV
Secretary	Pat O'Coffey	KJ6GMG	Adda Quinn	KU1NNA
Treasurer	Peter Chupity	KI6FAO	Sue Duhamel	KN6ZA
			Krista Kuehnkackl	KM6JVL
Member at Large	Eva Knodt	KN6CZH	Nate Cooper	KN6LGM
Member at Large	Irma Mitton	KM6JVU	Mary Panton	AF6IE
PIO	Lisa Chupity	W6LSC	Linda Bennett	W6LJB
			Bob Smith	W6RES
			Terry Adams	KN6CZH
			Casey Dunn	KA5WAX

Guest: Laurel Mitton, AJ6AS

1.0. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President, Jeneen Sommers, at 1005 hours.

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

3.0. Officer Reports

- Pat reminded members that 2021 membership fees are now due. Please send the application to Peter or Pat and make sure that you indicate how any donation over \$35 is to be applied. You can pay by PayPal to treasurer@sc4arc.org. Peter will put this information on the website.

4.0. Committee Reports

- Education Committee (Linda, Neil, Eva): A survey statement has been placed on the website to determine who wants to be a buddy and who would like a buddy. The focus is to provide one-on-one or group sessions on zoom. If you would like to get help or to provide help, please contact Linda.
 - One suggestion was to proactively reach out to newer members to encourage being a Net Control Operator. Pat will send committee a list of the newer members.
 - Lisa suggested a weekly zoom chat on CW. David M. offered to lead that discussion. Jeneen will post more information on the website.
- Website Committee (Irma, Eva, Neil, David): The committee has reviewed the various platforms that are available and that meet our requirements, which include an improved discussion forum and a section on education.
 - Plans are to have the new site up and running by Field Day.
- 2m Project (Peter): Will has moved the railroad ties to the new site. After several dry days (hopefully next week), the Conex box will be re-positioned on the railroad ties. Once that happens, work can begin on moving the repeater to the new site.

- In the meantime, there is a good tarp covering the current location, so the repeater is safe from the weather. In addition, new batteries will be installed soon.

5.0. Badges and Vests

- Badges: New badges, with the Coastside Emergency Comm Plan for Branches 3 and 4 will be issued to all members.
- Vests: Many of our members do not have vests. We are looking at various options that are available that meet our requirements of pockets, antenna loops, different sizes and the ability to put "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications" and individual call signs on the back. If you have any suggestions, send them to president@sc4arc.org. Jeneen will post the best options on the website and we can then decide. We may have more than one option available to choose from depending on cost.
 - The vests will be available to anyone, regardless of whether you are part of ARES or not.

6.0. Training

- Every other month, starting in March, the second half of our meeting will be dedicated to ARES training by Angelo. The first sessions will focus on the basics of emergency communication, so this training will be applicable to everyone, even if not part of ARES.
 - Most of the other monthly meetings will have a Technical Training of some kind.
- Technician Licensing Class: Peter has sent invitations to folks in Middleton and Portola State Park for our first on-line training class. This will be a small class of about 5 students. We now have 4 ARRL VEC certified examiners: Peter, Neil, Angelo, and David. Exams will be done in cars, with examiner oversight. Test results can be sent immediately to the ARRL and Call Signs can be available the next day.

7.0. Winter Field Day

- IC, Irma Mitton, reported that it was successful and fun for our three participants: Neil, Bob, and Jim. She will be adding up the points soon and will post on the website. Neil was able to get a lot of bonus points and additional points via multipliers. Jim racked up a lot of points on emergency power and CW.

8.0. Request for Volunteers – Repeater Maintenance Crew

- We need a group of volunteers who can, on a regular basis (quarterly), check on the welfare of our three repeaters. If you are interested, please contact Peter.
 - In the meeting, the following members volunteered: Terry, Eva, Neil, Mary, Bob, Casey, Irma and Jeneen.

9.0. Miscellaneous

- Lisa mentioned that she is meeting with a documentary filmmaker this weekend to discuss ARES activations during the CZU Fire and the recent Debris Flow activity.
- Will Johnson will be doing our tech session at the April General Meeting on 10-meter transmissions. Technician Licenses can use 10m SSB. Will has also suggested that we have an HF Net periodically.
- Eva mentioned that a good future technical session would be on "How to Get Started on HF".

10.0. Technical Session: "Shack in a Box" by Bob Mitton

- Bob gave an excellent presentation on what to have in your radio go bag. The presentation is on the website library at the following link: <http://www.sc4arc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/shack-in-a-box.pdf>

11.0. Meeting Adjourned: 1158 hours