

SC4ARC

2021 SECRETARY REPORT

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Board and Officers:

President: Jeneen Sommers W6NCS
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Property: Will Johnson W6NZH

Membership End of Year:

SC4ARC Members	ARRL	ARES	CERT	Technical	General	Extra
51	37 / 72%	27 / 53%	40 / 78%	27 / 53%	8 / 16%	16 / 31%

General Member Meetings – Member Attendance:

(All were regular meetings; members notified by website e-mail)
(Attendance numbers include board members present)

January 16, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 15
February 20, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 19
March 20, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 15
April 17, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 13
May 15, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 16
June 2021: no meeting; annual Field Day June 26 - 27
July 17, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 23
August 21, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 19
September 18, 2021; La Honda Fire Station; attendance = 12
October 2021 no meeting due to SET Great Shakeout on October 9
November 20, 2021: La Honda Fire Station; attendance = 14 and 1 guest
December 2021: no meeting; annual Christmas party on Zoom December 11

Board Member Meetings:

January 9, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 7
February 14, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 8
March 13, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 8
April 10, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 8
May 8, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 7
July 10, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 7
August 14, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 8
September 11, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 7
September 27, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 7
November 13, 2021: Virtual on ZOOM; attendance = 8

Accomplishments / Events

- It was another challenging year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. All General Meetings were held on ZOOM, until September and November, when they were held in the Fire Station Bay. All Board Meetings were held on ZOOM.
- Membership was 52 at the beginning of the year. We lost a long-time member this year – Vic Hill, after a long struggle with cancer.
- The following presentations or technical sessions were held: “Shack in a Box” by Bob Mitton; Presentation on ARES and the ICS Structure by Angelo; Winlink and Packet Radio by Peter; Practical Class by Peter; Mobile Radio Station by Gabriel Blaj; ARES Operation by ARES Leadership; 10m Operation by Will.
- Field Day, June 26 – 27. Because of the pandemic, Field Day was again done through individual stations. There were 10 participating stations. We had a total score of 8971, compared to last year’s 11,302. Still a great showing. Gabriel AJ6X, was our top scorer (2075) with his fantastic mobile radio station.
- Emergency Services / Preparedness (ARES):
 - In January, we were activated, along with CERT, to assist in delivering evacuation orders in Whitehouse Canyon, Gaza Creek, Loma Mar and Dearborn because of potential debris flows. Radio communications were set up in all those areas.
 - In October, we were once again activated to staff the DOC because of potential debris flow. The only radio set-up deployed was to Whitehouse Canyon, where two teams were on-site for a 12-hour period.
 - We had two activations to staff the DOC for power outages in the area.
 - We participated in the Great Shake Out as our SET this year. We had a total of 17 CERT participants and 13 ARES participants. This year’s SET was focused on deploying CERT teams with GMRS radios and to help them become comfortable in using the radios. In addition, we exercised our winlink capabilities between Skyline, La Honda and Half Moon Bay.
 - Angelo provided ARES members with flash drives containing all pertinent ARES information.
- Infrastructure Accomplishments:
 - Moving the 2m Repeater to a weather-safe, rat-safe environment on Mindego Hill. This project is very close to completion. Remaining work to be done has been delayed by supply issues with some of the hardware.
 - Fixing the 440 Repeater and moving it to a weather-safe, rat-safe environment in La Honda.
 - Completion of a full San Mateo Coastside Winlink network, from Butano to La Honda, to Skyline, to King’s Mountain, to Half Moon Bay.
- The Website Committee has worked hard on a new user-friendly website. Hopefully, we will have a new website soon.
- Thanks to the arduous work of the Grant’s Committee, we received a \$24K grant from the Puente Resiliency Fund. The funds were used to buy / build 5 mobile radio stations, complete with Winlink capable radios, antennas, laptops, generators, and tents. The completion of this project is awaiting the supply of tents and antenna mounts.
- Thanks to the Education Committee, the initiation of the “Buddy Program”.
- ARES Vests and SC4ARC Badges are finally here.
- Completion of two on-line Technician Licensing Classes, with 27 graduates and 22 new technician licenses. Thanks to our 4 members who have become certified examiners, we can now do the testing on-site.