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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION (CPRA) CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 13, 2006 MONTEBELLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA Operations Committee
Sponsor: Dan Sheahon, Apogee
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 06 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Wireless Networks - Public Safety and Public Access", Wave Wireless Corp.
Attendance: 64

AGENDA

Greeting – Anna Holmes. Anna opened the chapter meeting in Ron Wong's absence at 0945 hours. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Anna introduced Dan Sheahon, Apogee as the sponsor for the meeting.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Meeting Schedule – Anna Holmes. The next Chapter event will be the Training Conference to be held at the Ontario Convention Center 2-5 May 2006. Anna commented about the great technical workshops, and operational topics. She encouraged everyone to get registered. The Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) will hold its frequency coordination meeting at 8:00 am on Friday, May 5th. This session will be followed by a 4.9 GHz "Plan Review" meeting. As an additional item, Anna invited everyone to submit recommendations for speakers and programs for future meetings.

Treasurer's Report – John Wright. John reported on the balances of the checking account and the CDs. He noted that there have been large expenses to support the upcoming Training Conference and also the Western Regional Conference. John's report included information about the Chapter's investment CDs. They have been rolled over at about 4.5%. On the income side, registration and vendor booth funds are coming in for the Training Conference. John commented about the success of using \$20/person for meeting registration fees. The income and costs are very close to balancing out. January and February chapter meetings showed a slight surplus. The March meeting basically broke even. There was a loss of 93 cents.

FCC Matters – Gary Gray. The FCC has announced changes in the schedule for 800 rebanding. Waves 2 and 3 have changed. A Wave 4 factor has slipped to July 06. Gary commented about the FCC enforcement of construction deadline dates. Licenses may be terminated. It is important to pay attention to this detail. Gary advised everyone that ham licenses with a vanity call sign may be coming up for renewal. He encouraged holders of this type of call sign to renew properly so they don't lapse.

Rebanding Meetings – Anna Holmes. Anna announced that the Orange County Fire Authority facility will be the location for an 800 MHz rebanding meeting on April 25th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Dave Buchanan will be doing the presentation. Information about this meeting will be posted on the CPRA web site.

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Regulatory Report - Travis Williams. Travis noted that the vacant position on the Commission is still unfilled. Nominees are being considered. In another matter, the State of California is taking up the issue of sending broadband over power lines. Further details on these items will be provided in the future as available.

Transition Administrator Report – Dave Buchanan. There was no TA information to report.

Membership Report – Bob Uribe. Bob reported that we have 537 members. There were 20 new members registered with the chapter in January and February 2006. He encouraged everyone to participate in increasing Chapter membership.

Executive Delegate – Richard Granado. George S. Rice Jr. has been selected as the Executive Director for APCO. He has credentials that reflect positive contributions to the Public Safety arena. Mr. Rice will begin in his new position on May 1, 2006.

Ontario Training Conference. Richard Granado. Richard commented about the upcoming Ontario Training Conference 2-5 May 06. He noted that we need to have everyone to register. There are excellent programs and there is a strong commercial support. Mailings are going out. Registration information is on the CPRA web site.

Commercial Sponsors – Jack Daniel. Jack asked each of the company representatives to introduce themselves and give a brief comment about products and services provided by each one respectively.

Action Item – Gary Gray. Gary explained to the Chapter that at an earlier date Bryan Hawkins had been selected and approved for a CPRA Chapter Life Membership. However, for reasons unknown APCO has no record of this action. A motion was made to reconfirm this action and to bestow on Bryan a CPRA Chapter Life Membership. Motion carried. It was noted that appropriate documentation will be provided to APCO.

Program. An excellent program was presented by Wave Wireless. There was a live demo showing the equipment available to transport video over a wireless mesh network using 4.9 GHz.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. Everyone was asked to be sure they had their ticket for the luncheon.

Notes for the Record. Following the luncheon, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon. Upon completion of the agenda, Gary adjourned the meeting. Subsequent to this, the 4.9 GHz sub committee convened to discuss inputs for the draft 4.9 GHz Region Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary