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08:00 Membership renewals, coffee and donuts, conversation and ID photos by Phil Henderson, KF6ZSQ.

09:03 Meeting called to order by Marc Roddin, KI6HLH, President, on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View, Rooms D,E, and F on the lower level. There were 50 plus attendees.

Note: The Treasurer's Report by Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI, is included as Appendix "A" in this document.

Welcome and Introductions:

Marc welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were brief remarks by Larry Carr, KE6AGJ, ARRL Assistant Section Manager, Emeritus. Larry pointed out that the current Section Manager is working on many of the ideas that Larry had instigated.

Community ECs were introduced:

Stanford – Lea Roberts, WA6ITV
Palo Alto – Jack Pines, W1VSL
Los Altos – Jim Clark, N6JRC
Los Altos Hills – Neil Katin, K2LL
Mountain View – AECs

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Attending SPECS Board Members were introduced:

Yes	Marc Roddin	President	KI6HLH
Yes	Neil Katin	1st VP	K2LL
Yes	Jack Pines	2nd VP	W1VSL
Yes	Patrick Muffler	Treasurer	KG6TMI
Yes	Grant Elliot	Secretary	KK6FMQ
Yes	Paul Goldstein	Training	KJ6AMM
No	Steven Olson	Past President	KI6MYE
Yes	Scott Overstreet	RA Liaison	N6NXI
No	Mark Foster	Director-At-Large, NASA-Ames ARC and Palo Alto ARES	KI6DHU
No	Jerry Thalls	Director-At-Large, Sunnyvale	KG6HI

Election of Officers:

Marc led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2018 from the nomination committee is:

President:	Marc Roddin	KI6HLH
1st VP:	Neil Katin	K2LL
2nd VP:	Dave Koberstein	N9DK
Secretary:	Grant Elliot	KK6FMQ
Treasurer:	Patrick Muffler	KG6TMI
Training:	Paul Goldstein	KJ6AMM

There were no nominations from the floor.

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For each office a motion was made and seconded to close and accept the respective nominee. All motions passed by acclaim.

Featured Speaker

Ed Fong,

Faculty Member University of California at Berkeley and at Santa Cruz

Topic: "The Tri-band Antenna"

In preliminary remarks, Ed discussed the EE education curriculum currently in place. He then showed the current version of his tri-band antenna for use on the 70 cm, 1.5 m and 2 m bands and the respective SWRs of 1.0, 1.0 and 1.1. Noting that there are many copycats of his prior 2-band antenna and that none of them work very well, he then proceeded to discuss various 2-band J-pole configurations and how, from those designs, he developed the current tri-band.

The presentation slides are available at https://www.specsnet.org/past-presentations

Break

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SPECS UG Business Meeting

Board Member's Reports:

Secretary: reviewed last meeting's minutes and asked that they be accepted. A motion to accept was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: presented the Activity, Balance Sheet and P&L for 2017 (see appendix). He noted there has been declining revenue from The Flea Market activities and issues surrounding use of De Anza College facilities as the site. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1st VP: followed up on Patrick's comments and responded to Ed Fong's comments about the possible use of Fry's parking lot for upcoming Flea Markets.

2nd VP: the 2017 annual meeting is underway.

Training Officer: there have been no training issues.

Other Reports:

Phil Henderson, KF6ZSQ, gave a short report describing the Hospital Net, its purpose, how it is structured, and how it functions. He noted that if one is interested in working on the net, one should check with their city EC. El Camino Hospital provides space and equipment, along with antenna drops for operation of the net. In response to questions, he noted that there is no planned support for medical clinics. Paul Goldstein noted that in any real emergency the Kaiser clinic in Mountain View will be shut down. Other clinics probably will be, too. Lea Roberts commented that in such an emergency situation, a Hospital Net radio operator must be prepared to be active over several days.

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Dave Platt presented an update on the W6ASH Repeaters. He noted that there will be two new antennas on the new hospital building for the repeaters which will be linked and tied in with the Santa Clara County resource net. Current codes are available for functions of the repeaters such as “646” which provides a transmission test response. These codes are available to SPECS members and can be obtained from Dave. Some movement on the interference issue has been made: the source has finally been identified as equipment on an adjacent microwave tower and work with the equipment owner is progressing. The problem can be mitigated somewhat by moving to an alternate antenna and turning off the PL. The W6ASH 440 repeater is now linked with the SCC resource net. Dave noted that El Camino Hospital has been very supportive of all of our activities.

Meeting Close

Marc expressed thanks to all of our speakers and to those who helped set up the room and provide refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 11:30 AM.

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APPENDIX A

SPECS Users Group Treasurer's Report
01 January 2017 through 31 December 2017

Assets

Accounts	1-Jan-17	31-Dec-17	Change
Regualr Checking	$14,080.09	$13,997.68	$82.41
Bus. Fundamentals Checking	$3,365.73	$3,365.73	$0.00
CD 6424	$10,347.65	$10,351.80	$4.15
CD 5425	$5,169.38	$5,171.28	$1.90
Pay Pal	$223.85	$733.45	$509.60
Total Assets	$33,186.70	$33,619.94	$433.24

There is one current liability, a payment of $41.75 to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for sales tax on the 2017 Flea Market concessions. This cannot be paid until January 2018.

Flea Market

Year	ASVARO fee	Gate	Profit/Loss
2015	$2,200.00	$2,681.00	$481.00
2016	$2,300.00	$1,795.00	$505.00
2017	$2,400.00	$1,035.00	$1,365.00

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- Income from the SPECS Flea Market Saturday 08 April 2017 at De Anza College was seriously impacted by rain, resulting in far fewer sellers than the number required to break even from gate receipts. SPECS Users Group collected $1,035.00 from only 34 sellers.

- The amount collected in 2017 was $1,365.00 less than the $2,400.00 fee paid by SPECS Users Group to the Association of Silicon Valley Amateur Radio Organizations (ASVARO).

- Fortunately, ASVARO still had a Rainout Protection Fund that covered this shortfall of $1,365.00.

- Note that the two rainy flea markets (March 2016 and April 2017) nearly exhausted ASVARO's Rainout Protection Fund.

Payment to the SPECS Repeater Association in 2017 was $364.17, the usual transfer of ½ of Flea Market profit.

SPECS Users Group had 132 dues-paying members in 2017. 72% indicated that they were ARRL members.

Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI

Treasurer, SPECS Users Group

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SPECS Users Group
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2017

	Dec 31, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
B of A Main 8990	13,997.68
B of A Secondary 4347	3,365.73
PayPal	733.45
B of A CD 6424	10,351.80
B of A CD 6425	5,171.28
Total Checking/Savings	33,619.94
Total Current Assets	33,619.94
TOTAL ASSETS	**33,619.94**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Calif Dept of Tax and Fee Admin	41.75
Total Other Current Liabilities	41.75
Total Current Liabilities	41.75
Total Liabilities	41.75
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,242.33
Opening Balance Equity	31,918.37
Net Income	417.49
Total Equity	33,578.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**33,619.94**

SPECS Users Group
Profit & Loss
January through December 2017

		Jan - Dec 17
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donations		15.00
Dues		670.00
Flea Market		
Income		
ASVARO Rainy Day Fund	1,365.00	
Concessions	463.90	
Donations	591.00	
Gate	1,035.00	
Total Income	3,454.90	
Costs		
ASVARO	-2,400.00	
Concessions	-290.32	
SPECS Repeater Association	-364.17	
Trailer	-32.49	
Total Costs	-3,086.98	
Total Flea Market		367.92
Interest		6.05
Total Income		1,058.97
Expense		
Bank Service Charges		50.40
Insurance Expense		300.00
Internet Services		111.00
Office Supplies		31.00
Postage, Delivery, Mail Box		80.83
Refreshments		68.25
Total Expense		641.48
Net Ordinary Income		417.49
Net Income		**417.49**