2026-11-13 Club meeting and 2027 officer elections

Date: November 13, 2026

The Ventura County Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting at Grace Lutheran Church, 6190 Telephone Rd, Ventura, CA 93003, starting at 7:05 PM. Clement Alberts, KM6OKZ, opened the meeting. The draft minutes describe the evening as the annual nominations and vote for officers and board members for 2027, followed by homebrew night. Robert Shank, KM6RSS, attended by Zoom as Vice President and Secretary. A quorum check was made by a show of hands of members in good standing, in person and on Zoom, to confirm that at least 25% of total membership was present. Ben, a non-candidate volunteer, distributed and collected paper ballots; Zoom voters sent votes to the Secretary by private chat; Dave combined the paper tally with the Zoom votes. The Treasurer announced the elected officers and board members, and the President congratulated them. Results were announced after a break that ran from 7:37 to 7:50 PM.

The draft minutes thank those who ran the election but do not list the names of those elected or the vote counts. Those names are taken from Robert's follow-up emails of November 16, 2026. Clement Alberts, KM6OKZ, was elected President. In a November 16 exchange he corrected a wording error in a first draft of congratulations, writing, "What re-election? I was never elected till now." Robert replied, "Congratulations on your first election as President!" Denney Pistole was elected Vice President. Tim Tenopir was elected Treasurer, to start January 1, with a handoff from Dave. Chester Klepadlo, Geoffrey Dann, and Jeremy Climer, KN6JMD, were each congratulated on election to the Board of Directors. Robert's November 16 email to Jeremy, titled "Thank you for continuing on the board," said, "Congratulations on your re-election to the Board of Directors," and thanked him for agreeing to continue serving the club. Robert wrote that he would continue as Interim Secretary through the rest of 2026 and as Secretary starting January 1, 2027. The draft minutes state that new officers and board members would be installed at DecemberFest on December 11 and would transition into their new roles and conduct the January 3 board meeting.

Homebrew presentations were: Ben Holmes, K6QV, a scratch-built 2n2 20-meter transceiver (until 8:31 PM); Bob Byl, KD6UDA, an end-fed half-wave antenna for 10–40 meters (until 8:42 PM); and Clement Alberts, KM6OKZ, an HP 3420B Differential Voltmeter Ratiometer (until 8:49 PM). The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM on a motion by Mark Leach, KN6FWH, seconded by Tom, W0UFC.

Robert's cover email of November 13, 9:50 PM PT, attached "November 13 2026 Club General Meeting Minutes.pdf" as a first draft and thanked Clement, Dave, Jeremy, and Ben "for doing such a fine job with the election."

Source: Robert Shank, KM6RSS, November 13, 2026, 9:50 PM PT, subject "Draft Minutes of the November 13th Club Meeting," message 1a1d89b8a1c22448, with attachment "November 13 2026 Club General Meeting Minutes.pdf." Robert Shank, November 16, 2026, 8:40 AM PT,

“Congratulations on your election as Vice President,” message 1a1e53b6365ea59b, to Denney Pistole; “Congratulations on your election as Treasurer,” message 1a1e53b486bb02b5, to Tim Tenopir; “Congratulations on your election to the board,” messages 1a1e53b36728c1e6 (Chester Klepadlo) and 1a1e53af4fef5ba3 (Geoffrey Dann); “Thank you for continuing on the board,” message 1a1e53b124fc78fb, to Jeremy Climer, KN6JMD. Robert Shank, November 16, 2026, 1:00 PM PT, subject “Re: Thank you for continuing as President,” message 1a1e628f031f9980, to Clement Alberts, KM6OKZ, quoting Clement’s 12:47 PM PT correction.