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EARS Board Meeting agenda

April 14, 2011

I. Call to Order ☒ Present ☐ Not Present

- ☒ John Musselman, N6EP, President
- ☒ John Belstner, W9EN, Vice President
- ☒ Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Secretary and Treasurer
- ☒ Fred McDavitt, W6PBR, Emergency Services Coordinator
- ☒ Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
- ☒ Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, Officer at Large
- ☐ Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Officer at Large
- ☐ Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, Officer at Large
- ☐ Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large, Property Manager
- ☐ Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, Immediate Past President
- ☐ Harry A Hodges, W6YOO, Historian

The EARS Board meeting was called to order by John, N6EP at 7:09 pm PDT

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes dated March 17, 2011 made by John, N6EP, motion seconded by Fred W6PBR, 1 abstain, motion passed

III. Special Presentation

We were to have a special presentation by Boy Scout/Cub Scout leader attending to discuss how EARS can help the San Diego area Scouts establish a radio program. Tem Mead, Boy Scout Council Unit Commissioner for the Boy Scouts/San Diego Heartland district was to present his ideas to us for this

Unfortunately he did not show up. We will see if he can reschedule.

IV. OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a) Program Director's Report

May 12 Presentation:

Our May presentation will be a tag team between Jim KI6ZUM and Kerry N6IZW. Jim organized the ARISS - Adobe Bluffs Elementary School contact this past January. I had the distinct pleasure of providing the primary station for that contact. Kerry is the area ARISS NASA mentor and was key in making sure all of Jim's "i's" were dotted and "t's" were crossed when it came to organizing the

contact. Jim and Kerry will introduce the ARISS program and walk us through the process of organizing this school contact with the astronauts on-board the International Space Station. Jim is organizing another such event at a local San Diego area Middle School later this year. I'm looking forward to participating in this one as well.

June 9 Presentation:

The topic of our June presentation will be Antenna Design and Optimization with particular focus on Field Day. Dr. Frank Parks, NB1Z will be our presenter. Frank is a colleague of mine and whiz when it comes to antenna theory. If you have ever had any burning questions regarding the black magic of antennas, June 9 will be your opportunity to ask.

b) Treasurer's Report

The transition from Konrad N6UKO to Teri W6TRB has occurred, all bank docs signed, accounts converted from Quicken to QuickBooks and budget added. The check for the EARS Club Liability insurance written and sent. Income statement will be sent at the Board as soon as the new Treasurer's computer is fixed or replaced. John, N6EP will ask Dirk, N6SUN to see when he can do an audit of the books.

Savings account balance: \$933.10 (0.23 interest @ 0.1%

Certificate of Deposit: \$2,221.55 matures 6/30/11 Current interest rate: 1.90%

Checking account balance: \$2,225.09

Treasurer will check the avg and low point of the checking account balance and also verify upcoming budgeted expenses to see if some funds should be transferred from the checking account to our savings or even CD.

The Auction was a success! We cleared \$172.00 and also received membership renewals and two new members during the evening's event.

After a count of the funds received so far for the opportunity drawing, it was determined that a sale of \$20 more will allow a drawing. The drawing is scheduled for May's General Meeting.

c) Technical Committee Report

Jeff AE6GM was not present at the meeting but sent word that no repeater work had been performed last month.

d) Emergency Services Report

On 5 April 2011, four EARS members performed Test and Evaluation (T&E) of the City of Escondido's new Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) CERT communications suite.. (1) Roger - KB6DQO engineered, oversaw installation and initial testing of the CERT comm suite. (2) Kurt - N6MD established communications from the southern staging area located at North County Fair. (3) Fred - W6PBR established communications from the northern staging area located at Escondido High School. And finally, John-AF6UA, Net Control the weekly Escondido CERT HAM Net, conducted the first live net using EOC's CERT comm suite. Chief Randy Licata told me he was satisfied with the performance of the New EOC's CERT comm suite.

Starting in April, 2011, I intend to concentrate my efforts primarily on the Escondido CERT organization and its activities. I hope that EARS members who participate in ARES, RACES, etc, will direct my attention to the activities of their supported organizations as the situation dictates. This isn't a matter of lack of interest but a matter of lack of time.

Fred – W6PBR

Jo, KB6NMK advised dates of Escondido CERT meetings and Fred, W6PBR wanted to see the transmitter room at Salvation Army to assess its' potential for CERT use. The CERT in Escondido is activated in the Police Dept/Fire Admin building. They have a dual band Kenwood with a dual band vertical antenna.

e) SANDARC Report

Congratulations to Robert Kitson, KB6SBL for being elected to the Secretary position at Sandarc! EARS need to send 2 new delegates to the SANDARC meetings. John N6EP will be asking certain members to see if they would like to volunteer.

El Cajon has a 100' tower that has been recently repaired and is available for use by other clubs (not field day)

f) Membership Report

Here's the current membership report for Thursday's board meeting...

Current paid-up members to 2011 and beyond (including life members):

- 108

Past members:

- 2010 - 30
- 2009 - 8
- 2008 - 8
- 2007 - 3

Expired membership list (for 2009 & 2010) sent to John, Fred, Konrad & Jo for phone follow-up.

- Big red button pushed!

Cheers,
Steve.

g) Newsletter Editor's Report

Monthly updates:

- April's AllEARS added

New features:

- None

Bugs fixed:

- None reported

Planned features for next month:

- Add Emergency Services section to the EARS database
- Continue with EARS event photos
- Add everything else I should have done

Other:

- It's late (just past midnight), I'm tired, I've been at work since 8:00 a.m. this morning, and I'm going to bed!

h) Webmaster Report

Steve sent four fun photos from the auction.

i) PR Director's Report

An article for SANDARC's new board will be submitted.

j) Field Day Chairman's Report

Great 1st meeting. As stands right now, Field Day is ready to go, but there is still a lot of work. Need operators!!

John W9EN will get a schedule for satellites for Field Day.

Field Day meetings will continue to be held at Salvation Army, Escondido in the Fellowship room or Class D, based upon # of attendees.

Robert, KB6SBL will email time/date for upcoming antenna/coax party at Konrad N6UKO's house.

V. OLD BUSINESS

John, N6EP noted that ARRL send notice of different agent handling Liability insurance. We will look into the new agent before our insurance expires next year as we just renewed.

The Board feels strongly about presenting Konrad a plaque for his past service to the club. Robert, KB6SBL noted it would be nice to get an engraved bottle with EARS logo on it as an additional thank you for Konrad.

A motion was made by Robert, KB6SBL to spend no more than \$100 for a plaque and gift for Konrad. Motion was seconded by Fred, W6PBR and motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Teri noted she will not be attending next month's Board meeting, John W9EN will be acting Secretary for May's meeting. Teri will type up the minutes.

EARS items need to be situated at one location. Harry W6YOO, as Historian, will be approached for this honor for the physical items, John W9EP will research the use of Cloud, an internet storage option.

Meeting adjournment Motion was presented by John N6EP, and seconded by Fred W6PBR. Motion passed unanimously at 8:15 pm PDT

Minutes submitted by: Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Secretary and Treasurer for the EARS Club