



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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An **ARRL** Affiliated Club



EARS Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

On July 21, 2011 minutes there is noted a motion to approve checks, Marvin N6MJM made a motion to remove the sentence 'motion', Jo KB6NMK seconded, board passed motion. Motion to approve minutes from July meeting by Marvin N6MJM, seconded by Fred W6PBR. Motion passed.

III. OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a) Program Director's Report

September 8 Presentation:

Our original presenter for September has rescheduled so we currently have an open slot. My plan is to use one of the backup presentations (preferably "Microwave Contesting" by Art - KC6UQH). If that falls through, there is always "Software Defined Radio for Dummies" by John - W9EN. I should know for sure before the September Newsletter is due.

October 13 Presentation:

Our very own Fred - W6PBR will be giving a presentation on Emergency Services. I'll be getting with Fred to get a few more details for the Newsletter.

November 10 Presentation:

Cecil - WD6FZA will be speaking to us regarding the analog and digital voice linked repeater system called PAPA.

Respectfully submitted,

John Belstner W9EN

b) Treasurer's Report

Account balances:

Checking- 09- :\$1,951.51

Certificate -12-: \$2,224.89 will update amt end of qtr 3

Savings -01-: \$933.34 will update amt end of qtr 3

Checks written:

#1223 Void

#1224 Crown Castle \$10.00 EARS Repeater

#1225 Impulse Electronics \$99.98 Opportunity Drawing

#1226 Void

#1227 Vivian Wentworth \$210.22 Field Day Expenses

#1228 Impulse Electronics \$107.76 Previous Opportunity Drawing (replacement check)

Deposits: \$165.94 = \$150 Tower sale, \$15.94 Refund from Staples (net cost of opportunity drawing tickets \$5.37), \$157.50 – Opportunity Drawing + Membership

Transactions reports and bank statements for 2009 – 2010 have been compiled and are ready to hand to Dirk N6SUN for audit of EARS financial records

Average balance of checking account for period Jan – July = \$1865. Lowest balance for same period \$1,643. Lowest balance for 2010 = \$1,334. Recommend transferring \$1,000 into savings.

Jo KB6NMK made a motion to approve a \$300 budget for Field day, approve the check for reimbursement of Field Day expenses totaling \$210.22, and to approve the net Staples expense for opportunity drawing tickets for \$5.37, seconded by Marvin N6MJM, motion passed.

Marvin N6MJM made a motion to approve the checks in the treasurers report, motion seconded by Jeff AE6GM, motion passed.

Discussion on the Liability insurance and switching to new company led to a motion by Marvin W6MJM to approve the new policy, seconded by Fred W6PBR, motion passed.

The Treasurer's recommendation to transfer \$1,000 to savings was discussed, motion by Jeff AE6GM to transfer funds, seconded by Fred W6PBR, motion passed.

c) Technical Committee Report

TASMA and SCRBBA still in progress.

No progress on the 2 meter 8 bay dipole.

Submitted by Marvin W6MJM

Technical Committee (EchoLink Addendum)

Hopefully a date can be scheduled at this meeting.

Submitted by John W9EN

d) Emergency Services Report

Emergency Services

Major CERT events for the fall months include:

- August 13th: Julian CERT HAM Technician Class and Test. 12 CERT members participated. Nine VEs including Kurt-N6MD, Tom-N6TFL and Fred-W6PBR were in attendance.
- The next CERT Academy will start on September 10th and conclude on November 12th, 2011. This will be a combined Escondido/San Marcos class and will be held on Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the San Marcos Training Facility.
- The next CPR RE-certification class will be conducted on September 25th, 2011.
- On November 12th, 2011, Escondido CERT will conduct a night drill from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Fire Station #1. Planned exercises will include Triage and Search and Rescue Details to follow. No commercial power will be used.

Fred - W6PBR

e) SANDARC Report

Meeting moved to last Thursday of the month

f) Membership Report

As per August's AIEARS

g) Newsletter Editor's Report

Articles required by Thursday, 1st September (for planned publication on Monday 5th)

h) Webmaster Report

Monthly updates done (AIEARS, program schedule, Opportunity drawing)

i) PR Director's Report

Public Relations

No activity.

j) **Field Day Report**

Logs were received by ARRL, this year was the greatest number of logs received: 5040!

k) **Net Control**

We welcome Fred McDavitt N6PBR to our list of Net Control operators. He will be back-up and fifth Sunday operator.

We could use one or two volunteers.

Robert KI6SBL

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS

The 2011 EARS PICNIC REPORT -----

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2011, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Rod McLeod Park, Escondido, CA

Weather: Sunny and 82 degrees

This was the first EARS social event conducted under the new 501 (c) (3) tax rules

"Quick Stats"

- Total EARS Membership: 112
- Number of Picnic RSVP's : 37
- Actual Attendance: 41, which included guests
- Number of Hamburgers requested: 40. Number eaten: 24
- Number of Hot Dogs requested: 6. Number eaten: 14
- Number of Brats requested: 1. Number eaten: 12
- Number of Veggie Burgers requested: 1, Number eaten: 8
- Total of \$3. donations if all 41 attendees paid: \$123.
- Number of members who made the \$3. donation: 20 (16 by name, 4 anonymous)
- Amount collected at the Picnic: \$60.
- Estimated cost of materials and food: \$120. (Not including propane, gas & fresh veggies)
- Total number of Emails sent/received: I stopped counting at 100

General Comments:

1. Estimates of types and quantities of food to buy were all based on hearsay, innuendo and requests provided by attendees, all of which turned out to be incorrect. Because the Club no longer pays for the food and materials, the financial burden is placed on the member who is coordinating the picnic and paying for the food. RECOMMENDATION: Start selling \$4 Picnic tickets at Field Day and the July General Meeting. Buy food and materials with the funds collected in June and July.

2. Disposal of unused food items. Based on mis-estimating and "bad dope" we had the following overages:

- 24 Hamburgers: Donated to the Salvation Army (\$15.79)
- 24 Hamburger Buns: Donated to the Salvation Army (\$2.29)
- 6 Partial containers of ketchup/mustard/relish/mayo/pickles: Donated to the Salvation Army (\$12.38 discounted)

3. Disposal of unused materials. The following unused items have been added to the EARS "storeroom"

for future event use:

- 500 paper napkins
- 230 7" foam plates
- 150 9" foam plates
- 16 each, plastic knives/forks/spoons. (forks are used at x3 the rate of spoons & knives)

4. Under the radar expenses that should be reimbursed:

- Propane for the grill
- Gas for the truck
- Fresh cut lettuce, tomatoes and onions

5. This first EARS 501 (c) (3) event represents a paradigm shift in EARS social events. We didn't keep up with the 501 requirements or properly plan for their impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) In addition to the recommendations made above, increase the donation level to \$4. or
- (2) Consider making all future EARS social events pot luck, covered dish and/or "bring your own stuff (BYOS)" events, thereby not placing the upfront financial burden on any one member.

Fred - W6PBR

Fred W6PBR will ask CPA member Dirk N6SUN for an opinion of EARS annual picnic: if funds can be used for the supplies, if this event could be considered within the IRS rules for a 501 c) (3) organization

John Tyson N6WST would like to be a rep for EARS to SANDARC. (John - if you approve - this is just an announcement)

I would like to upgrade my Life membership from Family Life Membership to Regular Life Membership. \$38.00 of the \$150 has been paid already when Vivian W6NWF and I became Life Members on 11 December 2008. I would like to pay the additional \$112.00 that night. This is considered New Business so the Board understands what we e doing.

Robert KI6SBL

The renewal for the EARS post office box is due. Marvin W6MJM made a motion to renew for one year at the cost of \$96.00, motion seconded by Jeff AE6GM.

Teri W6TRB requested a discussion of the Opportunity Drawing items. The website states when the cost of the items + 20% has been reached, then the drawing can take place. Many times items in the drawing have been donated and there is no cost attached. It was decided that the donated items are to be valued at 50% of market cost.

In order to make the opportunity drawings occur often the total cost of items in the drawings was discussed. Jeff AE6GM made a motion that an item costing up to but not exceeding \$200 can be purchased for an opportunity drawing. Motion seconded by Marvin W6MJM, board passed the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.