

# ***EARS Board Meeting Minutes***

January 20, 2011

## **I. Roll call**

John Musselman, N6EP, President  
John Belstner, W9EN, Vice President  
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Secretary  
Konrad Wallenda, N6UKO, Treasurer  
Fred McDavitt, W6PBR, Emergency Services Coordinator  
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large  
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, Officer at Large  
Jeff Murdock, WE6GM, Officer at Large  
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large + Property Manager  
Robert Kitson, Past President  
Steve Venner, W6TAN, Webmaster + Newsletter Editor

The EARS Board meeting was called to order by John, N6EP at 7:15 pm.

The minutes from last month's meeting were read, corrections noted, a motion to approve the amended minutes by Konrad N6UKO, seconded by Fred, W6PBR and approved as amended by unanimous vote.

## **II. OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

### **a) Program Director's Report**

2011 Program Schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
13-Jan-11	Joe - K0NEB	The Lost Art of Kit Building
10-Feb-11	Rick - AI1V	High Altitude Balloon Projects
10-Mar-11	Patrick - WD9EWK	Amateur Radio Satellite Mobile Club Auction
14-Apr-11	N/A	
12-May-11	Jim - KI6ZUM	ARISS contact with San Diego School
9-Jun-11	Frank - NB1Z	Antenna Tuning and Optimization
14-Jul-11	Allen - AK6AK	D-Star Voice and Data for EmComm
11-Aug-11	N/A	Ears Picnic @ Rod McLeod Park
8-Sep-11	Ken - KI6HRH	EmComm Go Kits
13-Oct-11	Fred - W6PBR	Emergency Services
10-Nov-11	Cecil - WD6FZA	Repeaters and Linking
10-Dec-11	N/A	Christmas Party @ QTH of W9EN

### **Backups or 2012 Candidates**

John - W9EN

Software Defined Radio for Dummies

Jeff - AE6GM  
Art - KC0UQH  
Clint - K6LCS  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

GPS for Dummies  
Microwave Contesting  
Introduction to Satellite Operations  
Working the HF Digital Modes  
Contest Operations/Ediquitte/Strategy  
Field Day Operations/Ediquitte/Strategy

January's presentation and kit building session by Joe Eisenberg K0NEB was a hit. Many thanks to Teri W6TRB for organizing this event with Joe and the folks at News Line. I've sent "Thank You" notes to Joe K0NEB as well as Bill WA6ITF and Dave W6AQ for capturing the event on HD video. Let me know if I missed anyone.

All of the remaining presenters for 2011 are confirmed. I spoke with Art McBride regarding the Club Auction in April and he has graciously accepted our request to be auctioneer.

In addition to a Thank You card, I would like to suggest we send an EARS Pin to each presenter who is not a club member. Do we need to order more?

February's presentation will be given by Dr. Rick Miller AI1V on High Altitude Balloon Projects. Rick is a colleague of mine with a great sense of humor. His presentation should be enjoyable.

John Belstner, W9EN

#### **b) Treasurer's Report**

Konrad, N6UKO, presented the transaction report from 2010 and reported the Savings account balance as \$2,216.63, Certificate of Deposit balance of \$932.68 and Checking account balance of \$1,668.07.

Potential fundraisers and future opportunity drawings were discussed. Also the need for a 2011 Budget, John, N6EP said he would work on it, Teri, W6TRB will assist.

#### **c) Technical Committee Report**

A new controller is needed for the EARS repeater, and will be installed by Marvin W6MJM, John, W9EN and Jeff AE6GM.

Echolink is down. The radio and pc needs to be upgraded. John, N6EP and Robert KI6SBL, will ask Major David at the Salvation Army if we can move Echolink into the Radio Room there.

#### **d) Emergency Services Report**

- 1.** I attended the Jan 2011, ARES meeting in La Jolla. They requested assistance in putting their Emergency Van back in working order by Field Day 2011. I forwarded this request to the EARS membership via email.
- 2.** EARS CERT members have been participating in the weekly EARS CERT net on Tuesday nights and the biweekly SD North County CERT net every other Wednesday.

- 3.** We hope to have a EARS member's ES database developed and populated in the next month or so.

Fred, W6PBR

Also

We're in the process of updating our membership database to include details of those EARS members who are also active in some way with the various emergency service organizations.

So if you are involved with organizations such as CERT, RACES, ARES, SATERN, The Red Cross, MARS, SKYWARN, CAP, or FEMA - please email me as to which organizations you belong to, and if you belong to more than one - which of those organizations will you support in times of an actual emergency.

Steve W6TAN

**e) SANDARC Report**

In New Business

**f) Membership Report**

Membership as of 12/31/10 was 127, including life members  
Current paid-up members to 2011 and beyond (including life members): 88 (56 confirmed ARRL members)

Past members:

- 2010 - 41 (23 confirmed ARRL members)
- 2009 - 8
- 2008 - 8
- 2007 – 3

How or what to do to get past members to renew? Several board members will split our list and make personal phone calls to contact and get members to renew for 2011.

**g) Newsletter Editor's Report**

**h) Webmaster Report**

Monthly updates:

- Added January's AllEARS links.
- Added (and removed) January's program details.
- Updated program schedule for February.
- Added February's program details.
- Updated club officer list for 2011.
- Updated details of latest opportunity drawing.

New features:

- None

Bugs fixed:

- None reported.

Planned items for next month:

- Continue with EARS event photos (maybe...)
- Add Emergency Services section to the EARS database.

Other:

Decided not to embed on-line ham test. Too many ads from Google, and limited ability to configure to EARS standard.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) All reports given
- b) New Prizes for the Opportunity Drawing suggestions: Solder station, Digital Volt meter, movie tickets, Dixon Lake 2 night camping, a Handi-Finder Kit.
- c) Hamster Hike on Sunday Jan 22, if you are not hiking, please listen for those that are!

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Need additional committee coordinators:
  - Snack Chairman, John, W89EN volunteered
  - SANDARC representatives, Robert KI6SBL volunteered
  - Membership chair: goes to meetings, welcomes newbies, sends welcoming emails, reports membership counts, ARRL membership, club affiliation membership
  - And Field Day Chair and support captains, more later on this important function!
- b) Godaddy hosts our website and email was down. Steve, W6TAN called and interacted with them until our site was back up. Steve, W6TAN requested reimbursement for costs of phone bill, Motion to reimburse Steve, W6TAN for phone bill costs was presented by Robert, KI6SBL, seconded by John, N6EP and motion carried unanimously. Steve W6TAN noted we are switched over to Dot Easy now and are much easier to work with and manage.
- c) Marvin, W6MJM reminded everyone of the upcoming Palm Springs Desert Fest on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, and the upcoming Yuma HamFest in mid Feb 2011.
- d) Teri, W6TRB suggested T-Shirts for the EARS club members, and will research designs and costs.
- e) Robert, KI6SBL volunteered to be Public Relations Officer and Club Representative to SANDARC.
- f) John, W9EN volunteered for Snack Chairman
- g) Konrad, N6UKO reported someone left several boxes of old EARS club photos and papers on his doorstep. Many of the photographs are of people and events that need to be identified. Robert, KI6SBL will scan the photos and burn them onto discs, Steve,

W6TAN will link photos to EARSclub.org website and albums will be brought to the club meetings for everyone to look at and see if photos can be detailed!

**V. Adjournment**

John Musselman, N6EP adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.

Minutes submitted by: Teri Bloom, W6TRB

Minutes approved by: [Name]