



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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EARS Board Meeting Agenda

July 21, 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 7:05 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June minutes with correction by Robert KI6SBL, seconded by Marvin W6MJM, unanimous approval by board.

In the future the minutes are not to be sent to AII EARS for until approved

III. OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a) Program Director's Report

Vice President (Program Director) Report

The July presentation by Allen AK6AK went well. As an improvement, I will make an effort to get things setup before 7:30 as the evening went late again.

August 14 is the EARS Picnic at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido. Rumors are floating around that the VP is in charge of the picnic. Fortunately, I've volunteered my lovely bride to help set up; I should tell her soon. As in years past there will be a T-Hunt, but Sam N6SD would like to participate in the hunt this year so we need someone else hide the T.

The club's duties under 501 (c) (3) tax status were discussed in relation to our annual picnic and Christmas party. It was decided that the initial costs would be paid by the club and then at the picnic a donation by attendees would be requested.

Fred, W6PBR offered the initial \$100, and then the donations will help offset his expense.

We need volunteers and items for the picnic, John W9EN will send an email with particulars to all EARS members.

September 8 Presentation:

Our original presenter for September has rescheduled so we currently have an open slot. If there is any technical topic of interest to the group, let me know and I will attempt to arrange a presenter. PLEASE, no final resting place presentations!

The weekend after our Sept 8th presentation is the 2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention in Torrance, Sept 9th, 10th, and 11th. Get it on your calendar and reserve a room before rates go up Aug 8th!!

b) Treasurer's Report

Account balances:

Checking- 09- :\$2,105.77

Certificate -12-: \$2,224.89

Savings -01-: \$933.34

Two new memberships, one at \$15, one at \$7.50

7/14/11 drawing: \$135.00

Three checks: \$200.00 Hays Companies, \$21.31 Staples, \$107.76 Impulse Electronics

Audit: Dirk, N6SN agreed to perform an audit and has given me a list of items to provide for the audit. Dirk & I are working to get everything as quickly as possible.

The opportunity drawing at the last general meeting was a hit! Tickets sold quickly and near the end of the meeting the drawing was held. Congratulations to Michael KF6SJ who chose the Wouxun Dual Band HT and the next winner was John KG6YYG who won the 20 Amp Digital Multimeter!

That drawing went very quickly! Any ideas for another item? HRO has the Yaesu FT-60 for \$159.95, or perhaps ?? Marvin, W6MJM of Impulse Electronics brought a 30 amp power supply for an idea. It was approved for the next opportunity drawing. Maybe a voltmeter or tool could be added to the drawing.

The General Liability insurance was changed over to the ARRL's choice Hayes Companies. Savings is \$242. I have a list of the equipment we have insured by Marsh and we need to update the list and get an updated quote from both Marsh and Hayes. The pros and cons of property insurance were discussed. This subject will be tabled until renewal time to determine if the club will keep property insurance.

The General Liability policy by Marsh was canceled and there will be a refund of \$331.00 to be issued and mailed.

c) Technical Committee Report

My report:

New power amp for the 220 repeater has arrived. John and I will install it on Sunday along with the new link radios and firmware upgrade for the controller.

Schedules permitting we will be working on the 2 meter repeater over the next few weeks.

Thanks,

Jeff

Technical Committee (EchoLink)

Jeff and I are planning a trip to Mt. Whitney to install a new PA for the 220 repeater and install the link radio to Hubbard Hill. Until the hub radios are installed at Hubbard Hill, the 220 and 2M repeaters will not be linked. We hope to have that on place before the picnic.

Submitted by John W9EN

Volunteers to help with the work are welcome, please contact Jeff, AE6GM or John W9EN

Forms are being completed for the 440, links and 2 meter coordination organizations.

Marvin, W6MJM will be the contact person for TASMA and SCRRBA coordination organizations.

In other discussion, he mentioned that the new antenna on Hubbard Hill would require a "cherry picker" or other small crane to lift the antenna to fasten it to the pole. The antenna is an 8 bay commercial dipole and is 42 feet long. A phasing harness and mounting hardware were approved to be purchased a year or more ago.

d) Emergency Services Report

An element of the Field Day exercise is the transmission of 11 messages, to anywhere in the country, by the National Traffic System (NTS). This is usually accomplished by a member of ARES, but this year a CERT member, me, transmitted the messages via the PARC repeater to KD6YJB. All messages were in the correct ARRL Radio Gram format, of which there are several. I used the single message format to send a message from the EARS president to our local ARRL Section Manager. I then used the "Book Format" to send an additional three messages to friends in California, three friends in the Midwest and four family members and friends on the east coast. The messages can be transmitted via almost any method, CW, radio phone, packet, etc, until they reach a HAM, who is a member of the NCS network, near the ultimate delivery point. Final delivery is usually via telephone but it can also be by mail if remote locations are involved. Restrictions include protecting the participating HAM/NCS community from incurring any personal cost during the delivery process.

Delivery results, as of July 9th follow: All messages sent within California were delivered, two of the three messages sent to the Midwest were delivered and one of the four messages sent to the east coast was delivered.

The Escondido CERT radio net, conducted every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM by net control John - AF6UA, has grown in numbers and complexity over the last six months. As John introduces new HAMs to the world of directed radio nets he assists them with programming and tuning their radios and encourages them to become more active in HAM community. Six months ago the average number of CERT/HAM members participating in the weekly net was five. That number is now up to an average of ten.

The next North County/Back Country CERT training session to instruct and examine new HAMs will be conducted at Julian's Junior High School on Saturday the 13th of August 2011. At least a dozen VEs will be required. Watch for emails from Kurt - N6MD for additional details.

Kurt is also in the process of setting up a new HAM training/examination session in Escondido during January 2012. Details to follow.

Fred - W6PBR

e) SANDARC Report

EARS club still needs two delegates to send to SANDARC meetings. Vivian, W6NWF was appointed, John, N6EP will write the necessary letter.
We still need one more volunteer for this position.

f) Membership Report

Current paid-up members (including life members):

- Paid to 2011 and beyond: 63 (42 ARRL members)
- Life members: 51 (30 ARRL members)
- Total: 114 (72 ARRL members)

g) Newsletter Editor's Report

One error crept in to July's edition regarding the club officers. Due to the old problem with cut'n'paste, the list of club officers incorrectly showed Konrad as EARS treasurer. This will be corrected in the next issue.

Thanks to Rob & Teri for pointing it out.

Newsletter articles for Augusts' edition required no later than Thursday 4th August (for publication on Monday 8th August):

John, N6EP
President's report

John, W9EN
Summary of July's meeting
Details of Augusts' & September's meetings (Suggestion for September: YL DXpedition to Curaçao, Michelle Thompson, W5NYV)
EchoLink status (Hahahahaha!)

Teri, W6TRB
Approved Minutes of June's board meeting

Steve, W6TAN
TAN's travels + photos

h) Webmaster Report

Monthly updates:

July's AllEARS added
Augusts' program details updated
Opportunity drawing updated
Uploaded EARS field-day photos to website
Updated photo view screen

New features:
None

Bugs fixed:

None reported

Planned features for next month:

Update membership map

Reset password functionality

Add Emergency Services section to the EARS database

Continue with EARS event photos

i) PR Director's Report

Robert, KI6SBL reported he did not write an article and is requesting ideas for one. Konrad N6UKO has not yet been awarded his plaque.

j) Field Day Report

Field day is finished and reports have been submitted to ARRL, with a total of 5,040 points. No accidents occurred, all tasks went smoothly. Expenses were totaled and submitted and were under budget.

Another round of applause for Vivian, W6NWF for a job well done.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Cloud Storage

EARS now has an ADrive account with 50GB of free storage. In order to set it up, a valid email address was required. Here is the info.

User name and passwords left out for security reasons. If you have forgotten your un/pw, please contact John Belstner W9EP.

A box of items from Art Smith (silent key) was reviewed; several items from San Diego Section and also EARS club are in the box. The EARS club items are being scanned. There are also hand drawn pencil sketches and are planned for scanning also.

Steve Early will be contacted and offered the San Diego Section items.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A donated tower was sold for \$150.00

A request to the Treasurer to bring the checkbook to each board meeting was made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.