



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2011

I. Call to Order

☒ **Present** ☐ **Not Present**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Musselman, N6EP, President
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Belstner, W9EN, Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Secretary and Treasurer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fred McDavitt, W6PBR, Emergency Services Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, Officer at Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Officer at Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, Officer at Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large, Property Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, Immediate Past President

Due to a delay in officers arriving, meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

Robert, KI6SBL noted Steve, G0TAN's call sign in Section V OLD BUSINESS, c. Cloud Storage was wrong. With that correction, a Motion by Marvin, W6MJM, seconded by Fred, W6PBR and Minutes from 05-19-2011 were unanimously approved.

III. OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a) Program Director's Report

Due to VP John, W9EN unable to attend, President John, W6EN read the section Program Director's report:

All,

I will not be able to attend this month's board meeting as I will be in Orlando on business. I have submitted my report to Teri and look forward to seeing you all for Wednesday's Field Day meeting.

73

John Belstner W9EN
Valley Center, CA DM13le

Vice President (Program Director) Report

Our June presentation was Antenna Design and Optimization with particular focus on Field Day. Dr. Frank Parks NB1Z showed us the finer points of tuning a dipole with several neat tools.

On July 14, EARS will host Allen AK6AK who will demonstrate the reliable voice and data capabilities of D-Star as it applies to Emergency Communications. In addition, Allen will share his secrets to making his equipment portable.

August 14 will be the EARS Picnic at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido.

Board members checked their calendars and set the date for the EARS Picnic as Sunday, August 14, 2011.

b) Treasurer's Report

Account balances:

Checking- 09- :\$2,272.34

Certificate -12-: \$2,224.89

Savings -01-: \$933.26

A few membership renewals and new members added to the checking account balance, also two checks were written to reimburse board members out-of-pocket expenses.

Audit: Dirk, N6SN agreed to perform an audit and we are waiting for him to find time. Audit tabled until the next meeting.

Items for the next opportunity drawing were discussed. It was decided an HT radio will be in the drawing. (!) Marvin, W6MJM's company **Impulse Electronics** will get the radio and spec sheets for the club. There is also an Eclipse 20Amp Digital Multimeter, also from **Impulse Electronics**. Teri, W6TRB will work with Marvin, W6MJM to get the radio soon.

The rules for the opportunity drawing were discussed, and John, N6EP suggested a change: to modify the rules to allow selling of the opportunity tickets at any EARS event.

A motion was made to adopt this new rule by John, N6EP and seconded by Marvin, W6MJM. The motion passed unanimously.

We then discussed selling the opportunity drawing tickets at Field Day, with the idea of a special being offered: Join the club and receive one opportunity drawing ticket for free. We are expecting many Escondido CERT members and this would be a great incentive to get them to join our club and perhaps win a great HT!

c) Technical Committee Report

(EchoLink Addendum)

No action since last month on the EchoLink or Repeater Controller installation.

Marvin, W6MJM will start over on relicensing on So Cal Repeater and Remote Base Association (SCRRBA) and also Twin-Band Area Spectrum Management Association (T.A.S.M.A.) for the 440 and links and also 2 meter repeaters. These organizations assist with band planning, communications and cooperation with other local, regional and national organizations.

d) Emergency Services Report

June 11th, 2011, was a big day for local CERT members:

- North County/Back Country CERT members conducted a large scale disaster response drill in the Julian area which included both wild fire and earth quake drills. North County HAMS played a large role in these drills and were led by EARS member Kurt - N6MD.

- Escondido CERT members and families held their annual picnic at Kit Carson Park. Along with hot dogs, hamburgers and potato salad, newly licensed CERT HAMS received instructions on how to use a VHF radio and how to participate in the Escondido weekly CERT net. The instruction was provided by John - AF6UA, who is the Escondido CERT net control. Other EARS members in attendance included Harry - W6YOO, Jo - KB6NMK and Fred - W6PBR.

Fred, W6PBR will send an email to Escondido CERT members a special announcement to join the EARS club at Field Day weekend and receive one opportunity ticket for the next drawing, top prize to be a HT radio!

e) SANDARC Report

As Robert, KI6SBL, is secretary to SANDARC and EARS club no longer has a delegate, there is no report for SANDARC.

We still need at least one delegate.

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):

- Paid to 2011 and beyond: 62 (39 ARRL members)
- Life members: 51 (30 ARRL members)
- Total: 113 (69 ARRL members)

Cheers,
Steve.

A renewal was received at the meeting; also an application for a new member was submitted. The numbers have been updated to include the newest members.

g) Newsletter Editor's Report

Newsletter articles for July's edition required by Thursday 7th July:

John, N6EP

- President's report

John, W9EN

- Summary of June's meeting
- Details of July's & August's meetings

- EchoLink status (no copy-paste please!)

Teri, W6TRB

- Minutes of June's board meeting

Steve, G0TAN

- TAN's travels + photos
- Hamster Hike - UK + photos
- Puzzle page
- Membership report (including new members)
- Members' "For sale / Wanted" section

h) Webmaster Report

Monthly updates:

- June's AILEARS added
- July's program details updated
- Opportunity drawing updated (need details of next prizes)

New features:

- None

Bugs fixed:

- None reported

Planned features for next month (honest!):

- Add Emergency Services section to the EARS database
- Continue with EARS event photos

IV. PR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There will be an article on Channel 10 Community Service about Field Day. Robert, KJ6SBL will look for opportunities with other stations and will also write articles to submit to catch public interest.

V. FIELD DAY REPORT

Everything is inline and ready. Coffee is being supplied by Starbuck's, and as anyone knows Field Day coffee, we will send a special Thank you to Starbucks!!!

No coordinator was found for the Saturday night potluck, so dishes will be assigned by last name: A – F will bring something, G – M will be assigned to bring something else, etc. Look for an email for actual assignment! This division is to help prevent the off-site chance of 57 lemon bundt cakes showing up!

A special Thank You to Vivian, W6NWF from the board for doing such a great job with Field Day coordination!

VI. OLD BUSINESS

(Cloud Computing)

No action has been taken since last month. John W9EN will create an ADrive account (50 GB free) in the clubs name (as recommended by John N6EP last month) and provide username and password information to the rest of the board.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Net Control still needs volunteers for backup. Robert KJ6SBL will write an article for AIEARS.

Escondido CERT requested to change the time using the EARS repeater from 7:30pm on Tuesdays to 7:00pm. This was discussed at the Wednesday night Field Day meeting and because enough board members were present, this was approved.

Teri, W6TRB would like to present slide show of Dayton Hamvention to the Board. Due to the board's wait on two members before starting the meeting, two slide shows were shown prior to the start of the board meeting. John W6RP has no objections to showing them at the next general meeting; Teri W6TRB will ask the VP John W9EN if there is time at the next meeting.

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL and Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, brought sorted boxes of historical financial and secretarial documents to the meeting. Some of these documents dated back to the 1980's and are EARS history. They were moved to the radio room at the Salvation Army's site for later planned scanning. They also have boxes of photographs from EARS history and also a film reel that need to be reviewed to see if the reels should be converted to digitized form. There are several other boxes that haven't been sorted.

Motion for meeting adjournment was made by John N6EP and seconded by Fred, W6PBR. Motion Passed at 8:33 pm