



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
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## EARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2011

### **I. Roll call**

John Musselman, N6EP, President  
John Belstner, W9EN, Vice President  
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Secretary  
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large  
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, Officer at Large  
Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Officer at Large  
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large, Property Manager  
Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, Immediate Past President, PR Director, Sandarc Representative and Field Day Chairman

The EARS Board meeting was called to order by John, N6EP at 7:10 pm.

The minutes from last month's meeting were presented. Jeff, AE6GM made a motion to approve, Marvin, W6MJM seconded, unanimously approved.

Minutes will be emailed to all officers one week before the officer meetings. All are encouraged to print their own copies to bring to the meetings.

Changes to the Board Meeting Agenda format were requested. The agenda is to add Call to Order and Approval of Minutes to be added above the Officer & Committee Chair Reports section.

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

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

The March presentation by Patrick WD9EWK went very well as did the demo in the parking lot before the meeting and the Q/A session that followed. I hope Patrick was able to stimulate some interest in satellite operations and AMSAT.

The April meeting will, of course, be our Club Auction. Steve G0TAN has already updated the website. I've coordinated with Major David and notified Jim Boop by email regarding the use of the gymnasium for the auction.

The EchoLink server is not on the air yet, but it is connected to the Internet. The voice greeting informs stations that the RF link is currently down and asks them to check back later. Steve, G0TAN has created a new email address for EchoLink: [Echolink@earsclub.org](mailto:Echolink@earsclub.org). These emails are currently forwarded to John, W9EN.

April will be the Club Auction. John, N6EP has a box of supplies needed for the auction. He will see if there is anything in short supply that will be needed. Steve, G0TAN has already updated the EARS Club website with information about the Auction. We will need to meet by 5:30 (earlier if possible) to set up the room for the Auction.

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

Konrad, N6UKO, was not present. He spoke to John, N6EP that due to health reasons and also he has been very busy lately, he needs to resign as EARS Club Treasurer. Konrad also contacted Teri, W6TRB to see if she would be interested in volunteering for this position.

Robert, KI6SBL read the bylaws noting that *in Article IX – Officers, Section 4. The Vice-President shall fill a vacancy in the office of the President automatically. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled as the Board of Directors may decide.*

John, N6EP made a motion to accept Teri, W6TRB as the Treasurer for the balance of this year's board. Jeff, AE6GM seconded. The motion passed.

Teri, W6TRB will meet with Konrad, N6UKO at his earliest convenience with the minutes of the meeting and go to the bank for the signature cards and will update QuickBooks with all transactions.

John, N6EP will have our member Dirk, N6SUN perform an audit on the books of the club at his earliest convenience.

John, N6EP then gave a membership renewal check to Teri, W6TRB.

The board wishes to send a Get Well card to Konrad, N6UKO.

## **c) Technical Committee Report**

John, W9EN has been researching Echo Radio. Jeff, AE6GM has sent a final letter to 220SMA, John Forley concerning the W6CPA Repeater. It is too loud and causes interference with our area communications in San Diego, Catalina, Orange County and Los Angeles. He offered alternate areas for the new repeater: San Bernardino, Riverside, East Los Angeles, or even lower the repeater.

## **d) Emergency Services Report**

Fred, W6PBR was unable to attend, but sent in his report.

During the past month, most of my efforts have been aimed at CERT, which seems to have a good deal of complexity and intrigue associated with it.

2. I met with Randy Licata on March 2nd, 2011 to discuss issues that made little or no sense to me concerning Escondido CERT. Not much was accomplished but when it was all done, John McNelly was appointed as a Leader for CERT Team 5 and I was appointed the leader for CERT Team number 3.

3. Questions about CERT frequency allocations, communications drills, etc., quickly shifted to a SD North County group who has assumed the unofficial role of frequency coordinator. Its name is the Citizens Emergency Radio Team (CERT) This group has no official function that I can see, but they are filling a vacuum that some of the city CERT coordinators would just as soon ignore.

Jeff, AE6GM noted that if you are a CERT member and plan to go to the 24 hour earthquake drill you need your Program Managers approval to attend as this is not a sanctioned event and could have liability insurance issues.

Jeff, AE6GM also noted the CERT Council is made up of Coordinator Managers and sub committees. One thing the sub committees are doing is working on a frequency list that other emergency organizations are using in order to identify the frequency and correct any conflicts. And also they are working on a Fleet map for a mutual aid policy.

**e) SANDARC Report**

SANDARC Report - March 2011

EARS President needs to submit a letter on EARS letterhead to SANDARC Secretary announcing the EARS current delegates and alternates.

John, N6EP will type up and sign the letter for Robert KI6SBL and get this to him in time for the next SANDARC meeting

Del Mar Fair Booth - EARS is requested to submit date(s) we are willing and able to man the booth. Some dates are already taken. We should refer to the SANDARC website for available dates. Robert, KI6SBL has sent a general email to EARS Club members today and has already received three responses.

PARC is having an Outdoor Function on April 10. More details at PARC website. SANDARC approved to provide \$200.00 to PARC for the cost of renting the park. This is taking place in Oceanside at the park located at College and Avenida Emprresa. Robert, KI6SBL is encouraging everyone to attend.

Nominations were held for April's election meeting. Robert Kitson was nominated for Secretary.

**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):

- 99 (63 confirmed ARRL members)

Past members:

- 2010 - 37 (21 confirmed ARRL members)
- 2009 - 8
- 2008 - 8
- 2007 - 3

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

- Need status update in old business - as no old members have renewed since last meeting!
- Getting ready to push big red button!

John, N6EP ok's Steve, G0TAN to go ahead and PUSH THE BUTTON! Teri, W6TRB will email Steve, G0TAN.

Silent Key: We have received news of our member, George Peek, W6KXB is now a silent key. There is a memorial service and members are encouraged to send cards. Contact Harry W6YOO for additional information.

**g) Newsletter Editor's Report**

Newsletter articles for April's edition required by 7th April:

- John, N6EP
  - President's report
- John, W9EN

- Summary of March's meeting
  - Details of April & May's meeting
  - Echolink status
- Teri, W6TRB
  - Minutes of March's board meeting
- Steve, W6TAN
  - TAN's travels + photos
  - Puzzle page
  - Membership report (including new members)
  - Members' "For sale / Wanted" section

#### **h) Webmaster Report**

Monthly updates:

- April's program details added (annual auction)
  - Please check current rules & published times of auction, and advise of any necessary corrections.
- Rob's Field-day meeting info

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

Other:

- Still needs confirmation of opportunity drawing prizes on offer.

#### **i) PR Director Report**

Robert, KI6SBL is requesting the officers to send bio's. Teri, W6TRB requested information on how to write a bio. Robert, KI6SBL will send a list of questions to the officers to assist in creating them.

#### **j) FIELD DAY Chairman Report**

Robert, KI6SBL is the Field Day Chairman this year. He will start sending emails to everyone to attend the first Field Day planning meeting. To those that attend, there will be 2 tickets awarded for a special gift certificate from HRO. The following meetings will be offering 1 ticket for each attendee. The drawing will be held at the Field Day Saturday night dinner and winner must be present.

Robert, KI6SBL made a motion for EARS Club to provide \$25 to purchase the gift certificate. John, N6EP seconded the motion, the motion was passed.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

John, N6EP presented the correspondence from our Liability Insurance agent. There is a renewal questionnaire to be completed and the cost this year is \$424. This is for a Liability Policy for \$1 Million and is required by the City of Escondido.

Robert, K16SBL made a motion to renew the insurance for \$424, John N6EP seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Last month the Board decided to auction the campsite reservations we had purchased but not used. John, N6EP has since found the reservations have already expired and we cannot auction them.

An invoice was presented by Impulse Electronics for items in the current opportunity drawing. There are now 5 items in the opportunity drawing and three were donated. The drawing will be held at the May EARS club meeting. Steve, G0TAN will be sent a list of the items and their value for the upcoming AIEARS edition.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Robert, K16SBL amended his request for bio's from the officers to request a bio from all board members. He will send a list of questions to all board members. He cautioned everyone to realize that the information is very likely to be published and to use discretion in the bio's.

### **V. Adjournment**

John Musselman, N6EP adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

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

Minutes approved by: