



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



EARS Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 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 7:08 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from August meeting by John W9EN, seconded by Fred W6PBR
One abstained, motion passed.

III. OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a) Program Director's Report

September 8

Cancelled due to power outage. The SDR for Dummies presentation is available can be used later if needed.

October 13

Our very own Fred - W6PBR will be organizing an Emergency Services presentation designed to encourage new or renewed membership in an emergency services organization such. ARES, RACES or CERT. Fred has enlisted the following guest speakers to help with his message.

Randy: Escondido CERT

Kurt: The North County and Back Country CERT

Jo: ARES and RACES

November 10

In addition to Election of Club Officers, Cecil - WD6FZA will be updating us on the features of the PAPA System D-Star and Analog Repeater Linked System.

The December 2011 Christmas Party will be hosted by John W9EN. Details to be announced in November.

b) Treasurer's Report

Account balances:

Checking- 09- :\$1,282.51

Certificate -12-: \$2,228.44 will update amt end of qtr 3

Savings -01-: \$1,933.50 will update amt end of qtr 3

Check written:

#1229 Impulse Electronics inv 1280 Opportunity Drawing crimping tool Marvin W6MJM has donated a bag of 30 Amp PowerPole connector ends, Thanks Marvin!!

Deposits: \$313.00 = Refund from Marsh Insurance for cancelled policy.

Items in Opportunity drawing: Opportunity 30 Amp Power Supply: \$99.98, Powerpole crimp tool: \$30.99, donated PowerPole connector ends: \$4.50

Minimum amount needed for new opportunity drawing: \$162.56

c) Technical Committee Report

Technical Committee (addendum)

Marvin - W6MJM, Jeff - AE6GM and John - W9EN spent the better portion of September 3 installing the new controller and Link Radios at Hubbard Hill. The 420 link antenna was also installed on top of the Salvation Army Building and EchoLink was enabled. There is still a DTMF and audio level issue that needs to be addressed before things are working 100%.

Short Term Projects:

1. Install Link Radio and antenna on Mt. Whitney
2. Adjust audio levels at all three sites

Medium Term Projects:

1. Connect the UHF Repeater to the new controller
2. Adjust audio levels

Long Term Projects:

1. Install new VHF dipole array and feed line

d) Emergency Services Report

September 2011, Emergency Services Input:

The General Meeting program for October will feature aspects of the EARS Emergency Services community including, but not limited to Chief Randy Licata of Escondido CERT, Kurt Barnhart - N6MD of North County/Back Country CERT, Jo Ashley - KB6NMK for ARES and RACES and a possible future draft choice I am trying to enlist. The purpose of the program is to encourage EARS members who used

to participate in these organizations to reactivate themselves and to solicit new EARS members to join one of the emergency services organizations.

Fred - W6PBR

e) SANDARC Report

Synopsis of SANDARC meeting 08/25/2011:

Minutes of 28 July 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Total in all accounts: \$42,764.30. All Accounts are in the process of being transferred to the San Diego County Credit Union.

Motion made, seconded, and passed that the Treasurer will obtain a new version of QuickBooks at the best price possible.

Mike Maston N6OPH had attended the VEC convention last month back east. SANDARC had fronted him \$500.00 for the trip. \$261.41 in expenses were not reimbursable, so the remaining \$238.59 he returned to SANDARC in a check on 25 August 2011.

Announcement that HAMCON 2011 will be here soon. Please refer to flier for more information.

SANDARC wants feedback from the delegates for the by-laws committee if the member clubs should be assessed dues to SANDARC. Some wanted it, some did not. Final vote will be at the 27 October 2011 meeting.

Motion made, seconded, and passed that Southwestern REACT is now a member of SANDARC.

The new constitution and by-laws are not completed as yet. They are at the lawyer's office for review. Next month it is anticipated that it will go to the clubs for review.

Feedback requested by the by-laws committee from the delegates of the question to: (1) eliminate both positions of Junior and Senior Immediate Past President, (2) have one Immediate Past President with a vote on the Board, or (3) have one Immediate Past President with no vote on the Board. Feedback: It was decided that (2) have one Immediate Past President with a vote on the Board.

VEC information – 12 VECs attended – Mike Maston N6OPH attended the VEC convention last month. There is talk that for the next round that the information in the syllabus will be looked at for all licensing information.

Remote proctoring was discussed at the VEC convention for the remote areas of Alaska.

ARRL – Steve Early AD6VI – the Miramar Airshow is looking for volunteers to staff the event and the communications trailer will be there. September 30, October 1, 2 2011.

Book Proposal:

SANDARC is proposing to place 1 General Class manual in each of the 68 City and County Public Libraries (67 libraries, 1 Bookmobile) at the cost of \$1754.82.

SANDARC needs up or down vote of the club. This vote will be carried to the 29 September 2011 SANDARC meeting at which there will be the final vote. 2/3s vote at SANDARC required for approval.

History: SANDARC did this 4 years ago for General class manual, did this last year for Technician class manual.

Convention 2014 Chairman:

One nomination already: Mike Maston N6OPH
Second nomination made on 08/25/2011: Robert Kitson KI6SBL
2/3s vote required. Vote will be at the 27 October 2011 meeting

The following member Clubs gave their monthly reports: REACT, PARC, EARS, ARCEC, SOBARS, Convair/220, Six Shooters, PAPA, LARC.

Meeting adjourned

Vivian W6NWF
rumblepurr@sbcglobal.net

Subject: EARS report for SANDARC Secretary

EARS in August had its annual picnic

The September meeting will have a presentation on SDR -- Software Defined Radio

This concludes my report

Vivian Wentworth-Kitson W6NWF
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f) Membership Report

No new members, so same as last month.

- ☐ Life: 51
- ☐ Paid: 63
- ☐ Total: 114

g) Newsletter Editor's Report

Submissions required by 6th October:

- President's report
- Program directors report
- August's approved minutes

h) Webmaster Report

Monthly updates:

- September's program details
- September's All EARS
- Opportunity drawing details

Changes:

- 2011 board meeting minutes
- Details PARC's auction
- Opportunity drawing details updated

i) PR Director's Report

None given

j) Field Day Report

Reports will start next year

k) Net Control

Running fine with the schedule, Fred W6PBR is the 5th Sunday host.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

PO Box has been renewed

\$1,000.00 has been transferred from checking to savings.

Financial reports have been turned over to Dirk N6SUN for audit.

Robert KI6SBL is our newest non-Family Life Member

John Tyson N6WST was accepted as our rep for EARS to SANDARC.

NEW BUSINESS

From the EARS Bylaws:

Section 3. At least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three regular members to nominate candidates for the elective offices. The

committee shall notify the Secretary in writing, at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting, of its proposed slate of elective officers and officers-at-large for the next calendar year, and the Secretary and the Secretary shall provide a copy thereof to each regular and associate member at least seven (7) days before the annual meeting.

Please make sure the above is on the agenda for the September meeting.

I would like to be considered for Nominating Committee Chair.

73s,

Rob

The three regular members nominated for the nominating committee are John, W9EN, Robert Ki6SBL and Vivian, W86NWF. Jo, KB6NMK made a motion to accept the members and Fred W6PBR seconded. Motion passed.

Next item:

At either the next Board Meeting, or the September Regular meeting or both (I am not sure which one is appropriate) I need to pose a proposal from SANDARC and get an up or down vote from the club:

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Thank you

Vivian W6NWF
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The Board decided since the General Class books have an extremely low check-out rate at the Library's, to send a No vote to SANDARC.

John, N6EP announced that one of the projects that the EARS club has a history of involvement with Escondido's Grape Day Parade and the Christmas Parade. One of the current coordinator's is our Life member Konrad, N6UKO is ready to help us learn what needs to be done for each parade. This is another great chance for members to get involved. The Christmas Parade is coming up soon so we will need to get volunteers soon.

Meeting adjournment at 8:20 pm.