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## **EARS Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 2012**

### **I. Call to Order**

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL  
John Musselman, N6EP, Ex-president  
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer  
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large  
Fred McDavitt, W6PBR, Emergency Services Coordinator  
John McNelly, AF6UA, Officer at Large  
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Officer at Large  
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Robert KI6SBL.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve March minutes by John N6EP and seconded by Fred W6PBR was passed.  
Robert KI6SBL and Jo KB6NMK abstained from minute approval.

### **III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports**

#### **a. Program Director's Report – John W9EN**

A big thank you to Art - KC6UQH for being our auctioneer again this year, Jo - KB6NMK, Marvin - W6MJM and John - AF6UA for organizing the auction and making sure the event ran smoothly and everyone else that participated to make the event a success.

Our May 10 presentation will be given by Ken - KI6HRH on the subject of preparation and contents of Emergency Communication "Go Kits". I look forward to Ken's presentation.

The June 14 presentation is rumored to be exciting and educational as well. Our Field Day Chair will discuss... of course... Field Day activities and final preparations.

On July 12, Joe - N6SZO and Joe - KE6PHB are tentatively scheduled to present a T-Hunting information session. I'm still awaiting positive confirmation from Joe.

b. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

I am happy to report the informal audit by the officers of EARS club is over and all is well. At the last officers meeting, we took time to review the account transactions and all were approved.

Now moving forward, the checking account for the last two months show two deposits totaling \$150, consisting of membership dues, and three checks were written. The first check was to HRO for the opportunity drawing items, the second was to pay for our Property insurance and the third was to DMV for the tower trailer registration. As of 03/31/12 there is a balance of \$1,742.30 in our checking account, \$1,934.60 in our savings account and our CD has a balance of \$2,234.97.

Auction financials:

total sales: \$1,359.00

donation to club: \$471.00 (one participant did not want change from his purchase so we gained \$1.00)

auction payout to participants: \$889.00

Checking account activity:

\$1,353 cash & checks deposited for sales at auction

\$75 in membership - 4 new members joined at the auction.

\$228.00 opportunity drawing

6 checks totaling \$882.00 for auction payout. (\$7.00 cash at auction)

So adding the net from the auction, the membership and opportunity drawing funds, the checking has a balance of \$2,516.30.

Next will be Field Day expenses, then Picnic expenses and later Christmas party expenses.

I still do not have a copy of the 2012 budget and need that for reference. Did we also add in the expected expense for GoDaddy.com?

Expense should be about \$115.00.

Opportunity Drawing report:

Several opportunity tickets sold at the auction. Still need minimum \$20 in ticket sales to make our goal. It is OK for officers to purchase tickets

c. Technical Committee Report

None submitted.

d. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – Fred W6PBR

HAMs have helped out in emergency situations as long as there have been HAMs, it's in our blood. Well, at least in some of us.

Over the years, many HAMs have concentrated on special interests such as DX'ing, contesting, satellite, voice over IP, SSTV, etc. etc., figuring that others will pick up the slack in the emergency services area. To a degree, that has a kernel of truth to it, but it is our newest HAMs

who are joining in the Emergency Services community, mainly because they are just starting out with their first radio - a 2m HT - and ES is "where it's at" for them. As soon as they move up the HAM food chain, they buy more capable radios and explore the remainder of the HAM frequency spectrum, leaving their HT and ES skills on a back shelf of their Shack. I am not goading you Generals and Extras to drop your primary HAM love, whatever that may be, but I am encouraging you to listen to at least one ES radio net a month, just to keep yourself current in the world of ES. Start out by sitting in on one of the most interesting ES nets in SD County. The SD North County/Back Country CERT Net is one of the most interesting nets in which I participate. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 1900Z (7 PM) on 147.030 (+) 103.5 and calls roll for every CERT Team in North County from La Jolla to Julian and beyond. It takes about an hour. As each team answers up, they switch over to their own CERT frequency, for us 146.445 MHz, and continue training new HAMS. Or, if you are wild and crazy, you can join in any of the other teams CERT nets just for grins. I regularly talk to the folks in Julian, 2m, simplex. It's a hoot! Give it a try!

e. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Current membership as of March 12th is:

- Paid: 60 (44 ARRL members).
- Life: 51 (35 ARRL members).
- Total: 111 (79 ARRL members).

This gives us 71% ARRL membership, so affiliation is good.

**Many, many thanks to John McNelly, AF6UA for providing updates to the ARRL membership data.**

f. Newsletter Editor's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Cut-off date for the May ALL EARS is **Thursday, May 3rd.**

g. SANDARC Report

John Musselman N6EP reported that he is monitoring the SANDARC reflector for information about the next Southwest Division convention.

h. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Monthly updates:

April's ALL EARS added.

Field-day details updated.

Added July's program to schedule.

Next month:

Update May's program details (details required).

Add approved board meeting minutes.

Add updated brochure (required).

Add details on 'How to become a ham'.  
Fix bug in editing 'Wanted' ads.  
Implementation of Elmer List.  
Implementation of Emergency Services List.  
Resume work on auto license expiry notification

#### **IV. Old Business**

Robert confirmed with the insurance company that the club policy does include directors and officers liability coverage.

#### **V. New Business**

Vivian W6NWF, the 2012 EARS Field Day Chairman, reported the following:

The balun for the 20 meter yagi is missing.

The 15 meter yagi is good.

4 coaxial cables tested good, 2 tested bad.

A trailer dolly is needed for the trailer. Robert will get quotes for a new dolly.

Robert received a request from a Fallbrook resident that needs a TV antenna installed. The board decided to suggest that the person contact the Fallbrook amateur radio club for support.

Robert will research past members to find photos or other memorabilia that will be displayed at this year's annual picnic.

The club has been donated two handheld radios. The board decided that the Yaesu VX-7R and a Kenwood will be given away during the next two opportunity drawings.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

John McNelly AF6UA made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jo KB6NMK seconded the motion. At 7:44 PM the meeting was adjourned.