



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



## **EARS Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 13, 2012**

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

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL  
Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Officer at Large  
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large  
John McNelly, AF6UA, Officer at Large  
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Officer at Large (acting Secretary)  
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large (+Property Manager)  
John Musselman, N6EP, Immediate Past President  
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer  
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF  
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ  
Tom Lettington, N6TFL  
Bruce Woods, KI6YFH

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Robert KI6SBL.

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

Motion to approve October minutes by John AF6UA and seconded by John N6EP was passed with Teri W6TRB and Jo KB6NMK abstaining. There was no board meeting held in November.

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

#### **a. President's Report - Robert KI6SBL**

Robert reported that following 2013 board slate was approved at the last club meeting with 19 yea, 0 no, and 1 abstention.

PRESIDENT: Fred McDavitt, W6PBR

VICE PRESIDENT: OPEN

SECRETARY: Michael Hightower, KF6SJ

TREASURER: Teri Bloom, W6RTB

EMERGENCY SERVICES: John McNelly, AF6UA

OFFICERS AT LARGE:

Jo Ashley, KB6NMK  
Marvin Munster, M6MJM  
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN  
John Beltsner, W9EN  
Bruce Woods, KI6YFH

Fred W6PBR has resigned from being the club president for 2013 due to personal reasons. John Musselman N6EP has offered to be president for the first half of the year and Jeff Murdock AE6GM has offered to be president for the second half of 2013.

Matt Tucker N6EAJ has offered to be Vice President for 2013.

b. Program Director's Report – John W9EN

No report submitted.

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

An additional \$50.00 is to be sent to John W9EN for a Christmas party reimbursement.

Checks written:

1252 to John W9EN \$300 for the upcoming Christmas Party

1253 to Marsh Insurance \$116. for Equipment Insurance

1254 to Vivian Wentworth-Kitson \$25 for HRO Gift Cert

\$182.00 collected at Christmas party for attendees!

\$15.00 additional opportunity tickets sold, need \$40.00 minimum more to have the drawing.

\$15 membership renewal

As of 11/30/12 Bank Balances:

Savings: \$935.49

Checking \$968.56

18 mo CD: \$2,243.30

12 mo CD: \$2,002.43

	<u>Jan 1 - Dec 15, 12</u>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Auction</b>	1,360.00
<b>Dues 12</b>	617.50
<b>Dues 13</b>	45.00

<b>Dues 14</b>	15.00
<b>Interest Inc</b>	12.54
<b>Opportunity Drawings</b>	466.00
<b>Xmas Party Donations</b>	182.00
<b>Total Income</b>	2,698.04
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>220 Repeater Crown-Castle</b>	0.00
<b>AUCTION PAYOFF</b>	882.00
<b>Equipment Insurane</b>	116.00
<b>Field Day Expenses</b>	188.52
<b>Insurance</b>	310.00
<b>Oportunity Drawing Expense</b>	158.36
<b>Picnic Food</b>	202.21
<b>PO BOX</b>	120.00
<b>Registration</b>	10.00
<b>Trailer</b>	149.96
<b>Website</b>	143.64
<b>Xmas Food</b>	300.00
<b>Xmas Gift Cert.</b>	25.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	2,605.69
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>92.35</b>

d. Technical Committee Report

Jeff AE6GM reports that the 220 MHz to 2 Meter repeater link level is running too hot and will be adjusted. There is also an AC hum issue on the link.

The club EchoLink is being abused by an unknown person by connecting over the radio link, but never identifying, nor talking. Jeff AE6GM has disabled touch tone control for the time being. It is thought that it can be enabled again in a week and see if the perpetrator has lost interest in abusing the link. If the problem returns, other alternatives are to permanently disable touch tone control, or add a password to protect EchoLink control from the radio. In any case, EchoLink is available via the internet as usual.

e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – Fred W6PBR

No report submitted.

f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

The current EARS membership as reported in the December 2012 ALL EARS Newsletter is:

- Life: 51

- Paid: 78
- Total: 129

g. Newsletter Editor's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN  
No report submitted.

h. SANDARC Report  
Robert KI6SBL will stay on as a delegate to SANDARC until April 2013. A delegate and alternative are needed.

i. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN  
No report submitted.

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

Bruce KI6YFH reported that the Escondido Christmas Parade organizers were pleased with the club's effort in providing communications during the event. There were no reports of any problems.

Everyone that attended the Ears Christmas Party said they had fun.

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

Robert KI6SBL reported that Fred W6PBR was in the hospital and suggested the club send him a gift. John AF6UA made a motion to authorize Robert KI6SBL to spend up to \$50 on a gift. The motion was seconded by Jeff AE6GM and it passed unanimously.

Tom N6TFL offered to give a presentation on global warming at any future club meeting.

Bruce KI6YFH suggested that the club should be more involved in community events. The upcoming cycling race Amgen Tour of California will be starting in Escondido on May 12, 2013. John McNelly AF6UA will help Bruce with getting information about the race. Bruce will see if there is an opportunity for the club to provide communications for the event.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Robert KI6SBL closed the meeting at 7:51 PM.

#### **VII. Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> of 2013.