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An **ARRL** Affiliated Club



EARS Board Meeting Agenda

February 16, 2012

I. Call to Order



Present



Not Present

	Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, President
	John Belstner, W9EN, Vice President
	Vince Sheetz, W6CD, Secretary
	Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer
	Fred McDavitt, W6PBR, Emergency Services Coordinator
	Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
	Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Officer at Large
	Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large, Property Manager
	Michael Hightower, KF6SJ, Officer at Large
	John McNelly, AF6UA, Officer at Large
	John Musselman, N6EP, Immediate Past President

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

II. Approval of Minutes

November Minutes approved – moved by John McNelly, 2nd by Fred McDavitt

III. OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a) Program Director's Report

A big thank you to Joe - K0NEB for his presentation at January's membership meeting and also to Teri - W6TRB for arranging the presentation.

The remaining months are currently scheduled as follows...

- February's meeting was a smash as Rusty - AF6WF, Ellen - N6UWW and Gayle - K6GO presented their experiences on "A YL DX-pedition to Curaçao PJ2 Land". A big "Thank You" to the gals of NA6YL for their presentation. I was too slow in catching them all before they left the meeting so I will be mailing each of them their EARS Pin.
- March's presentation will be an encore presentation of "Lithium Batteries" given by Michelle - W5NYV. There is rumor of shenanigans, though it may only be a rumor.
- April is, of course, the club auction. I've contacted Major Dave for advance permission to use the gymnasium again. I've also emailed Art - KC6UQH to again ask his for his talents as auctioneer.

Respectfully Submitted,
John - W9EN

b) Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance:
\$1870.66
No checks written in January
2 Deposits: \$105 Memberships and \$67 Opportunity Drawing

CPA update: Dirk has requested my time to help complete the audit. We are sending calendars to secure a date to meet.

Christmas Party questions: as EARS did not pay John W9EN a check for \$300 for expenses and he received the amount in the basket (31 attendees x \$7.50 = \$232.70 - \$25 YL's gift, Total \$207.50) I am requesting EARS to pay John W9EN the difference of \$92.50.

Did Robert get the Gift Certificate for the Christmas Party? if so, did you receive payment for it? Who won the gift certificate?

Opportunity Drawing: Wouxon HT \$119.99, Wouxon Programming cable \$16.99, Wouxon car charger \$9.99, Gift Cert \$25.00, tax \$ 11.39 total cash: \$183.36. Donated US Luggage Canvas bag, estimated price \$35, total needed for drawing: \$262.03
Total collected at meeting: \$130.00

Is there a plan for the upcoming EARS Auction? I have a box of items for the auction: Auction numbering binder, Bidders sign up binder, Auction rules, Runner sheets. Who is the coordinator for the Auction? Will there be a meeting to organize the Auction and Auctioneer? Have we secured the Auctioneer yet?

Cheers
Teri W6TRB

c) Technical Committee Report

No report

d) Emergency Services Report

We have been in a particularly quiet period since the first of the year. No local fires, earthquakes, floods, etc. This is a excellent opportunity to review your emergency procedures and equipment. I know when I checked on my food supply I found three cases of food which were about to expire. Back to Costco.

Here are a few more items to check during this "down time:"

- Your "Go Kit" in general. Batteries, chargers, extra radios, comm plans, etc. Take everything out of the bag and check it out.
- First aid kit. Many items in your first aid kit have expiration dates. Replace them. Adhesive tape and Band-Aids lose their stickiness. Replace them.
- How about your emergency water supply? Got enough for two weeks? When will it expire?
- Do you have enough batteries for your flash lights and AM radio? When do they expire?
- When the last time you started your emergency generator and ran it for 30 minutes with a load? How old is your gas supply?

- Is your solar generator still putting out 12+ volts? How about your deep cycle 12V battery, will it hold a charge?
- Is your ICE list up to date? (In Case of Emergency List)
- How about your briefcase or box of important family documents, do you know where it is? It took me 30 minutes to find mine.
- Anyone in your family need oxygen or insulin? Do you have a two week supply on hand?
- How about pet food, cat sand and/or pet meds?
- Your BBQ or camp stove won't do you much good without propane, got enough?
- How about a two week supply of toilet paper, paper toweling and trash bags?
- Do you have a small cash reserve stashed away in a sock drawer? Banks and ATMs will be down during an emergency.

It's difficult to update your emergency supplies 10 minutes after the "Big One" hits. **Do it Now!**

Fred - W6PBR

e) **SANDARC Report**

- By-Laws not to much discussion on this. There is a committee chairman on this matter of getting this ratified. Last meeting it was asked for all clubs to have some type of input on this matter. It was also told to everyone there that the changes to by-laws would be put in some type of text for everyone to look at the changes, (Nov 2011 meet) new laws highlighted as to changes, I have talked to other club members this hasn't been done, to date ? This was not even brought up?
- New delegate letters to be on file for the coming year 2012! Club-pres to submit signed! Del Mar County fair Do the booth for only 2 weeks of the fair. (12 days) Lesser time maybe easier to staff. Input from clubs? Don't want to lose the space @ fair. dates 9--17 ? Firm commitment?
- Lakeside ARC wanted money for emergency station, others have received grants, will research, tabled for future
- Tri-fold New with all clubs listed. SANDARC feels in-appropriate to hand out after tests. Promoting just one or a few clubs. I will try to copy, bring to meeting. Written letter to SANDARC club functions? I had asked for this to be done. Not familiar with what is being asked?
- Tech-class 1-day Scripts ranch March 3 details to be announced

John N6WST

f) **Membership Report**

Current membership as of February 14th is:

- Paid: 52 (36 ARRL members).
- Life: 51 (30 ARRL members).
- Total: 103 (66 ARRL members).
- This give us 64% ARRL membership, so affiliation is good.

However, I **STILL** need to find out the ARRL status of the following members:

Donald Daubman, K0MOX - no contact details
 Stephen Kerrin, W6CDU (760) 751-0453
 Ron Miller, K7OPA (858) 613-0279

Megan Reschly, KI6LFA (760) 743-5839
 Teresa Reschly, KD6BFJ (760) 743-5839
 Jim Sullins, KE6MRX (760) 749-5517 jsullins@vcmwtd.org
 Christiana Wilson, KE6LBY (760) 743-8554 ke6lby@hotmail.com
 Also, the following 2011 EARS members are overdue on paying their 2012+ membership:
 Peter Beddows, AF6DT (760) 481-7575 pbeddows@missi.com
 Christopher Bille, WD6BTM (619) 659-8183 cbille1@cox.net
 Harald Brandner, KE6JE (760) 489-7662 hbrandner@usa.net
 Robert Carlyle, KJ6HWW (760) 742-1891 rbcarlyle@westb.net
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 Loren Hunt, AD6ZJ (760) 724-4644 ad6zj@arrl.net
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 Terry Runyon, K3PXX (760) 738-9337 k3pxx@yahoo.com
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 Michele Wallenda, N6WGR (760) 300-7572

Last year - we called the members on the list to remind them, and if they didn't want to rejoin - ask them why. Maybe a similar activity is now due???

g) **Newsletter Editor's Report**

Thanks to all of you who got their articles to me before the cut-off date - particularly Teri Bloom & John Belstner (excellent articles too!)

The cut-off date for March's ALL EARS is **Thursday, 1st March**.
 Fred McDavitt's already given me his input - way to go Fred!

h) **Webmaster Report**

Monthly updates:

- February's & March' program details completed.
- 2012 Program schedule updated - thanks to John Belstner.
- February's ALL EARS added.
- Opportunity Drawing details updated - Thanks to Teri Bloom.
- General maintenance for HTML & CSS validation.

Next month:

- Fix bug in editing 'Wanted' ads.
- Implementation of Elmer List.
- Implementation of Emergency Services List.

- Resume work on auto license expiry notification

i) **PR Director's Report**

No Report

j) **Field Day Report**

No report

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Bylaws Amendment proposal
 - Tabled due to Marvin not being in attendance
- Keys for the Radio Room
 - Approved my Major Davis, WIP by Rob to physically obtain the keys
- Elmer's Program
 - Approved Steve's suggestion of a Elmer's Web Page
- Radio Room Activity
 - Rob to send equipment list to Board Members, et al. for review and comment
- Insurance Consideration
 - Suggested to investigate D&O (Directors and Officers) insurance
 - Marvin to review overall club equipment list to ensure we are only insuring items that need to be insured
 - Rob to send list to Board Members

NEW BUSINESS

- John McNelly volunteered to assist with Auction Night
- Approved Teri to pay John W9EN a difference money for the Christmas Party - \$92.50
- Teri to bring the auction box to next regular meeting for Jo to ensure we have what is needed
- Rob to speak with Steve about sending auto reminders for membership dues
- Response to request from SANDARC for input on upcoming Del Mar Fair activities
 - Update presentations and activities to be more current and of interest to today's audience
 - Satellite, Digital communications, EchoLink, etc.
 - 50 years of ham radio satellite as focal topic

Motion for meeting adjournment was made by Fred and seconded by John McNelly. Motion Passed at 8:27 PM.