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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2012

I. Call to Order

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL
Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Officer at Large
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large (+Property Manager)
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 7:08 PM by Robert KI6SBL.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve May minutes by John AF6UA and seconded by Fred W6PBR was passed with Teri and Jo abstaining.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. Program Director's Report – John W9EN

Our July 12th presentation will be given by, Joe - N6SZO and Joe - KE6PHB on the topic of serious T-Hunting. They will be covering all the necessary guns and ammunition.

August 12 will be the EARS Annual Picnic at Rod McLeod Park. I suggest some type of Ham Radio promotional or educational event at the picnic so we can allocate club funds for the food. That way Fred won't get caught holding all the wieners again.

Our September 13 presentation will be given by one or more members of the PAPA System to discuss the latest goings on with D-Star. It's not all about Icom anymore which makes it exciting for experimenters.

b. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

Checking account: \$2,488.35

Check for Hay's Club Liability insurance policy was written \$200.00

Savings Account: \$1,934.92

CD: \$2,236.84

The CD renews 06/30/12

Rates/Terms:

Escondido Federal Credit Union

0.50% 12 months

San Diego County Credit Union

0.35% 12 months

0.50% 18 months

0.65% 24 months

Coronado First Bank

0.70% 12 months

The difference in rates between .5% and .7% is \$4.47.

Jeff AE6GM made a motion to roll the current CD into a new 18 month CD. Fred seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jeff made another motion to move approximately \$1,000 from each of the checking and the savings accounts into a new 12 month CD. Jo seconded the motion and it passed. Robert cast the only dissenting vote against the motion.

Jo made a motion to reimburse Vivian \$85.32 for new trailer tires. Jeff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jeff made a motion to reimburse Vivian \$64.64 for a trailer dolly. Fred seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Technical Committee Report

The EchoLink Server now resides at the QTH of Tom - N6TFL who has graciously accepted the job of babysitter and donated the use of his Icom IC-208H. It is operating as a 2 meter remote base (like it did initially) so the audio should be greatly improved. The 420 MHz link radio will be used to make the link between Hubbard Hill and Mt. Whitney a full duplex link, which should eliminate the current double courtesy beep issue on 220 MHz.

d. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – Fred W6PBR

Field Day is an opportunity to practice emergency communications using solar power, portable gas generators and working 24 hours straight just like we would have to do in an actual earthquake or wildfire emergency situation. Throughout history generals have rehearsed their battle tactics exactly as they intended to fight the next battle and football coaches have made their team practice with the intensity that they intended to employ during their next game. Of the 117 members of the EARS team less than ten percent participate in Field Day and gain the experience of communicating during a stressed situation with minimal equipment and unfamiliar power sources. It's one thing to sit in your shack with the A/C going, drinking a cold beer and finding that next DX station by electrically rotating your antenna. It's an entirely different situation if your antenna has fallen down, you have no power and your roof is around your ears, or there is a wildfire licking at your front gate. Emergency communications is not a skill best learned when your pants are on fire. If untrained, in such a situation, you will most likely freeze, do nothing and become part of the problem.

Field Day is your opportunity to learn how to set up an emergency communications site, erect antennas, generate power, get down and dirty-in the truest sense, and communicate with whatever gear is available and talk to whomever you can to make contact with the outside world, just like you would in an actual earthquake. Don't miss this opportunity.

e. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Current membership as of June 18th is:

- Paid: 66 (47 ARRL members).
- Life: 51 (35 ARRL members).
- Total: 117 (82 ARRL members).

This gives us 70% ARRL membership, so affiliation is good.

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

Many thanks to all who got their articles in before the deadline (all of you!)

The cut-off date for July's ALL EARS is Thursday, 5th July.

g. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Monthly updates:

- June's ALL EARS added.
- Field-day details updated.

Next month:

- Add approved board meeting minutes.
- Add 'approved' budget.
- Add July's program details (after Field-day).

- Add updated EARS membership brochure (still required from Marvin?).

Ongoing:

- Fix bug in editing 'Wanted' ads.
- Elmer List.
- Emergency Services List.
- Auto license expiry notification.
- EARS event photos.

IV. Old Business

After a discussion of Robert's proposed letter fund raising campaign, the board decided to postpone the effort until a more definitive use of any donations can be determined. The Technical Committee will identify and create a list of equipment needs of the club. Any fund raising can then focus on specific items that the club would like to purchase.

V. New Business

The annual EARS picnic is August 12th. Jeff AE6GM graciously offered to be this year's picnic coordinator.

Jo made a motion to increase the picnic budget from \$150 to \$250. John AF6UA seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

John AF6UA made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jo KB6NMK seconded the motion. At 7:51 PM the meeting was adjourned.