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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2012

I. Call to Order

John Musselman, N6EP, Ex-president
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Fred McDavitt, W6PBR, Emergency Services Coordinator
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Property Manager
John McNelly, AF6UA, Officer at Large
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Officer at Large

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by John Musselman N6EP.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January and February minutes by Fred W6PBR and seconded by John N6EP was passed. Teri W6TRB abstained from February approval and Jo KB6NMK abstained from both January and February minute approvals.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. Program Director's Report.

John W9EN reports the following.

March's presentation: A big thank you to Michelle W5NYV for her charged up presentation on Lithium batteries.

April is the Club Auction month and we are blessed with our returning auctioneer Art McBride KC6UQH. The auction will again be held in the gymnasium at the Salvation Army Building in Escondido. The Program Director, W9EN, will be coordinating with Major Dave on the use of the facilities and looking for a little guidance from the folks who ran the auction last year.

May's presentation will be given by Ken KI6HRH on the topic of EMComm "Go-Kits". This was a presentation originally scheduled for last year, but Ken had to reschedule.

On Saturday February 25th, the Mount Carmel High School Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.mchsarc.com>) successfully launched and recovered a near-space high altitude

balloon. The flight lasted 2 hours and 41 minutes, and reached an altitude of 100,000 feet. The launch was made from MCHS square and touchdown was approximately 5 miles east of the Ocotillo Wells airport. The Program Director would like to coordinate one of the remaining open slots for the students to come and present this project to us.

b. Treasurer's Report

Teri W6TRB brought financial documents to the board meeting for the board's review of 2011 finances. Checking account balance as of 2/29/2012 was \$1,777.30
Savings account balance as of 12/31/2011 was \$1,934.13
CD account balance as of 12/31/2011 was \$2,231.23
The bank updates savings account and CD balances quarterly.

Teri reported that Konrad N6UKO did a good job while he was treasurer and the documentation is in good order.

An informal audit by the board members present was performed. All members present were satisfied with the results and saw no issues.

c. Technical Committee Report

Working on 2 meter repeater hum issues.

d. Emergency Services Coordinator Report

Fred W6PBR reported that the newsletter has a page devoted to emergency services.

Jo KB6NMK reported that the CERT training class of 34 will be graduating on March 24th.

e. Membership Report

Paid: 56 (39 ARRL members)

Life: 51 (30 ARRL members)

Total: 107 (69 ARRL members)

The 64% ARRL membership is sufficient for ARRL affiliation.

John AF6UA called the list of club members whose ARRL membership was unknown in an attempt to determine whether they are ARRL members or not.

f. Newsletter Editor's Report

Cut-off date for the April ALL EARS is Thursday, April 5th.

g. SANDARC Report

No report.

h. Webmaster's Report

Monthly updates:

April's program details completed.

2012 program schedule updated.

March ALL EARS added.

Next month:

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

The first Field Day meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at the Salvation Army in Escondido. Vivian W6NWF is the FD Chairman for 2012.

Whether the club still owes \$50 to HRO for two \$25 gift certificates is unknown. Teri will talk to HRO regarding this matter.

A review of the box containing auction supplies showed sufficient slips and other forms for the event. John N6EP will bring donation tax receipt forms for anyone donating items for sell. John N6EP assigned Robert KI6SBL the task of posting an auction notice at HRO and to notify the other area clubs about the event.

Marvin presented an EARS property list spreadsheet that shows club property with the replacement cost used for insurance purposes. He will email a PDF document to board members for their review.

V. New Business

Jo KB6NMK suggested that the club acknowledge the support of the LDS Church (on Washington) for the use of their facility. The board has decided that the club secretary, Vince W6CD, write a thank you letter to the church on behalf of the EARS club.

Teri requested that the board review and update the EARS membership brochure. She will email a copy to the board members for their input.

Teri renewed the trailer with the DMV and will change the address to Robert's KI6SBL address.

A motion was made by Jo KB6NMK to increase the Salvation Army donation for 2012 from \$100 to \$250. Fred seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

At 8:42 PM the meeting was adjourned.