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An **ARRL** Affiliated Club



EARS Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2012

I. Call to Order

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL
John Musselman, N6EP, Ex-president
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 7:05 PM by Robert KI6SBL.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve April minutes by John AF6UA and seconded by John N6EP was passed.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. Program Director's Report – John W9EN

A big "Thank You" to Ken Cohen (KI6HRH) for his presentation on Emergency Go Kits. I'll be mailing him a Thank you card and an EARS pin.

June's presentation will be a tag team event between Vivian - W6NWF and Vince - W6CD. The topic will of course be Field Day.

The presentation in July will be another tag team, this time between Joe - N6SZO and Joe - KE6PHB. They will be giving a presentation on T-Hunting. I heard these guys are pretty serious.

Last month, the question was raised about the club's cloud storage account. EARS now has an ADrive account with 50GB of free storage.

b. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

Four more members renewed their annual dues since the auction, and at Thursday night's meeting a new member joined.

The opportunity drawing made an outstanding profit of \$140.64 (that's over cost).

Checking account balance: \$2,688.30

Savings account balance: \$1,934.76

CD account balance: \$2,235.89

The EARS Club 12 month Certificate of Deposit matures 06/30/12. Currently we receive 0.50%.

The board requests Teri to check the rates available from the San Diego Credit Union. Marvin reported that he has seen 2% rates from them.

EARS
Profit & Loss
January 1 through May 14, 2012

	<u>Jan 1 - May 14, 12</u>
Income	
Auction	1,360.00
Dues 12	491.00
Interest Inc	4.21
Opportunity Drawings	299.00
Total Income	<u>2,154.21</u>
Expense	
AUCTION PAYOFF	882.00
Insurance	110.00
Opportunity Drawing Expense	158.36
Registration	10.00
Total Expense	<u>1,160.36</u>
Net Income	<u><u>993.85</u></u>

c. Technical Committee Report

No action has been taken this month. The next work will be on the repeater site. The hum that was reported on the repeater has not been heard again.

d. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – Fred W6PBR

For HAMS, the annual ARRL Field Day, in late June, brings the year into focus for the emergency Services community, for it is during this 24 hour period that we put into practice all

of the theory we have been reading about, listening to and practicing for the previous 364 days. (and, yes I know about leap year) For those of us who enjoy and regularly participate in Field Day, it is a time pull out equipment check lists then test and replenish the various elements of our Go Kits, such as they are. It's a time to inspect and test our coax and repair or replace it if necessary and an excellent excuse to buy a new transceiver, antenna or logging software which we know will make our EARS Field Day Band Team performance even better, if propagation conditions are just right. In any case, we will have some slick new gear for our home shack at the end of the 24 hour period and the EARS points have been tallied – but who keeps score?

WE ALL DO! We have operated our radios on solar and emergency gas generator charged batteries, camped out, forgot to shave or reapply our make-up and consumed food items and snacks we will probably not eat again until next year's Field Day. I look forward to this year's Field Day and the opportunities for growth it presents.

e. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Current membership as of May 14th 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

Cut-off date for the May ALL EARS is **Thursday, 7th June.**

Elmer program: 5 willing Elmers so far:

- Harry Hodges, W6YOO;
- Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL;
- Matt Tucker, N6EAJ;
- Mike Hightower, KF6SJ;
- John Musselman, N6EP

Their details have been published in April's ALL EARS. New ideas for website currently being discussed with Teri Bloom, W6TRB.

g. SANDARC Report

No report submitted.

h. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Monthly updates:

- May's ALL EARS added.

- Added June's program details.
- Field-day details updated.
- Added details on 'How to become a ham' (from John Musselman, N6EP).
- Updated member's missing e-mail addresses (thanks to Teri Bloom, W6TRB for contacting missing persons).

Next month:

- Add approved board meeting minutes.
- Add 'approved' budget (if necessary).
- 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

None.

V. New Business

Robert KI6SBL would like to send out letters to Escondido businesses requesting donations to the club. The donations would be used to maintain the Field Day, emergency services equipment, and the radio room equipment in the Salvation Army. The donations are tax deductible. John N6EP made a motion to budget \$150 for printing and postage costs. Fred W6PBR seconded the motion and it was passed by the board. Marvin abstained from voting. Robert will bring the proposed letter for review to the next board meeting.

Fred reported that he attended a SKYWARN meeting. SKYWARN is an organization of volunteer weather spotters which observe weather and make reports of hazardous conditions. Fred suggested that a SKYWARN member could be one of our monthly club speakers to discuss the organization and the types of severe weather that affect us.

VI. Adjournment

Fred W6PBR made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jo KB6NMK seconded the motion. At 7:44 PM the meeting was adjourned.