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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2013

I. Call to Order

John Musselman, N6EP, President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Vice President
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Secretary
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, Immediate Past President
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Zac Petersen, KJ6MLT, Officer at Large
Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Officer at Large

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by John N6EP.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March's board meeting minutes by Matt N6EAJ and seconded by Teri W6TRB was passed with Jo KB6NMK abstaining.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

- a. President's Report - John N6EP
John mentioned he enjoyed the auction. The board discussed possible future improvements to the auction.
- b. Program Director's Report – Matt Tucker N6EAJ
 - The EARS auction went smoothly thanks to many EARS members. Specifically I would like to thank the non-EARS members that helped out. Fallbrook ARC announced the auction in their April bulletin, Joe Acevedo (N6SIX) for letting us put up a auction flyer at HRO and putting the info on the SD Sixshooter website, Palomar ARC for Facebook coverage, the Salvation Army for use of the facility and providing a dinner option for auction goers, and Art McBride KC6UQH for being the auctioneer.

- A EARS member approached me about finding a SANDARC rep. It sounds like we need to go from asking for a volunteer to begging for a volunteer.
- Our May meeting presenter will be a fairly new EARS member. Dr. Henry Richter will talk about how Ham radio operators were involved in the Explorer 1 satellite launch. His summary is "In 1958 the U.S. launched its first earth satellite – Explorer 1. Our speaker was Project Manager for Explorer, and will give a brief overview of the satellite and in particular the radio telemetry and tracking program. Ham radio played a large part in the tracking of this satellite and the San Gabriel Valley Radio Club was part of the tracking network, and was the first to acquire the signal proving that Explorer was in orbit at it passed over California after launch. This was part of the confirmation sent to President Eisenhower who then announced the successful launch."

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

As of March 31st, the balances were:

Checking \$1,188.75

Savings \$935.80

18-mo cert \$2,247.75

12-mo cert \$2,004.42

Teri is working on the auction proceeds distributions to the sellers.

The next opportunity drawing will probably be held at the May club meeting.

d. Technical Committee Report

Jeff AE6GM reported that the 220 MHz repeater site was remodeled and SDG&E accidentally removed our antenna. They have since replaced the antenna and feed line with a new commercial grade antenna and feed line. The repeater is back on the air and operating properly, but the 2 meter / 220 MHz link has not been restored due to some noise issues.

e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

Amgen is on Sunday May 12th, about a month from now. There will be two shifts:

9AM - Noon

1PM - 4PM

Sign up at <http://www.escondido.org/amgen-volunteer.aspx>

Note that this is on Mother's Day, so get approval from Mom before you volunteer.

= Field Day =

We had our first Field Day meeting, two more meetings to go (each Thursday following the Board meeting, 7PM, at Salvation Army HQ). Plus maybe an antenna party and site planning party.

Someone (not affiliated with EARS) snagged the usual spot at Dixon Lake the instant it was available. :- (We have the "Plan B" spot, which the club has used before for a California QSO party -- it'll do.

Band captains are appointed for all bands EXCEPT HF. Help me find an HF band captain.

- VHF: Fred Mc Davitt W6PBR
- GOTA: Zac Petersen KJ6MLT
- CW: John Musselman N6EP
- HF: ??????

The Field Day budget for food, fuel, etc. is \$300.

= Radio Chatter =

- W6YOO reports that the monthly license testing at the LDS church on East Washington is moving to the LDS facility at Felicita/Gamble (near the I-15 Citracado offramp). April's test is at the old location, May and beyond will be at the new location.
- PARC Operating Day is Sunday April 28 at Fry's
- SD Six Shooters operating day at May 18th's "Explore Mission Trails Day"

The next field day organizational meeting is 7:00 PM Thursday, April 25th at the Salvation Army.

f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

This past month, there was one new member joining:
Doug Grassy, N6TWO

The current EARS membership as of 14th of April, 2013 is:

- ☐ Life: 53
- ☐ Paid: 65
- ☐ Total: 118

Note that the above membership figures represent the EARS members who are either life members, or who have paid to the end of 2013 or beyond. So for those of you who still haven't yet paid their 2013 annual 'dues' - We know who you are... We'll be in touch ;-).

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

The cut-off date for articles for May's ALL EARS is Thursday, May 2nd.

h. **SANDARC Report**

Robert KI6SBL reported that the SANDARC elections will be on April 25th. He is running for the treasurer's position.

i. **Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN**

No report submitted.

IV. Old Business

The Salvation Army club station antenna work is still pending.

V. New Business

Matt N6EAJ made a motion to give Major David KG6QDS and his wife, Diane KG6UFB, an EARS family life membership. John AF6UA seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The club's tower trailer needs a new \$80 tire. Robert KI6SBL made a motion to purchase a new tire. Mike KF6SJ seconded the motion and it was passed with Teri W6TRB abstaining.

No DMV renewal has been received for the trailer. It is not known if it needs to be renewed this year. Trailers are renewed every other year.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be May 16th, 2013.