



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2013

I. Call to Order

Jeff Murdock, AE6GM President
John Musselman, N6EP, Immediate Past President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Vice President
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Secretary
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large and Property Manager
Zac Petersen, KJ6MLT Officer at Large

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Jeff AE6GM.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June's board meeting minutes by John AF6UA and seconded by John N6EP was passed with Jo KB6NMK abstaining. There was no July board meeting because of a failure to make a quorum.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

- a. President's Report - Jeff AE6GM
Jeff AE6GM is the president for the last half of the year.

- b. Program Director's Report – Matt Tucker N6EAJ
Thanks to all that came to the EARS picnic on Sunday August 4th 2013 and to Sam N6SD for bringing some transmitter to hide for the T-hunt.

Expenses for the picnic were \$151.34. I have attached a PDF of the receipt along with an Excel spreadsheet of the expenses and would like to discuss at the meeting the correct way to submit the receipt for reimbursement (just send to Teri or is there a form?).

At the picnic, Ron N6XT volunteered to present about a ham radio expedition that he went on. He thought the November 14th 2013 date would work for him and Mike KF6SJ agreed to postpone his talk and let Ron have that month. I will be in contact with Ron to

confirm the November date. Escondido schools are starting up this week and next week so I will be in contact with David Tarr KJ6DFT to make sure he was able to find some students willing to present about the robotics project during our September 12th meeting.

I would like to briefly discuss the Christmas party at the board meeting. It is scheduled for December 14th and I have contacted John Belstner to see if he is willing to host the party at his house again. I likely won't be attending the party, but I would be glad to buy supplies/food if the club is providing the food for the event.

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

No report submitted.

d. Technical Committee Report

Jeff AE6GM reported that the 220 MHz repeater is still off the air and needs a site. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Jeff.

e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

June was Field Day, of course. EARS scored 3,094 points:

There are a lot of volunteer opportunities coming up this fall, including:

Sep 7 Grape Day parade (EARS emcomm exercise, mike@hightower.com)
Oct 4-5 Miramar Air Show (ARES emcomm exercise, bkripton@pacbell.net)
Oct 12 Cuyamaca 100K (Wilderness emcomm exercise, KG6JEI@amsat.org)
Oct 19 Twin Peaks Ultra (Wilderness emcomm exercise, rds@twinpeaksultra.com)
Oct 19 ARES Field Day (k6rjf.rob@gmail.com)
Dec 14 Escondido Christmas Parade (EARS emcomm exercise, john@mcnelly.org)

Expenses for Field Day came to \$372.67, but we can round that down to my budget of \$300:

33.31 Drinks
48.40 Field Day signs
50.68 Fri nite dinner (meat)
11.52 Fri nite dinner (meat)
1.08 Fri nite dinner (roast pan)
23.08 Fri nite dinner (Salsa, coleslaw, etc)
29.10 Gas for generators
48.54 Home Depot* (tower rope)
5.16 Ice
29.40 Starbucks* (Sun breakfast, coffee)
55.64 Sunday breakfast (McDonalds)
26.95 Trailer Tow kit

9.81 Trailer Tow wires

Under separate board budget approval, I replaced a tire on the trailer at Rob/Viv's:
62.59 Trailer tire.

John N6EP made a motion to reimburse the Field Day Coordinator (John AF6UA) the \$72.67 in expenses which exceeded the original budget. Jo KB6NMK seconded the motion and the motion passed.

f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Current membership as of July 18th is:

Paid: 66 (46 ARRL members).
Life: 55 (38 ARRL members).
Total: 121 (84 ARRL members).

This gives us 69% ARRL membership, so affiliation is good.

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

The cut-off date for articles for September's ALL EARS is Thursday, 5th September (for publication on Monday 9th).

Need field-day report (with photos)

Need picnic report (with photos)

John AF6UA has Field Day pictures that he will send to the Newsletter Editor.

h. SANDARC Report

No report submitted. The club still needs a representative to SANDARC.

i. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

August's ALL EARS added.

Updated August's program details (picnic).

Updated program schedule with remaining programs (Thanks Matt).

Updated valid exam dates for SANDARC VEC tests in Escondido.

Next month:

Add 2013 approved budget (when available).

Add approved board meeting minutes.

Regular monthly updates.

Ongoing (i.e. To be done when I feel like it!):

Fix bug in editing 'Wanted' ads.

Elmer Finder.

Emergency Services List.

Auto license expiry notification.

EARS event photos.

Other:

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

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Major David KG6QDS antennas were removed by John AF6UA and John N6EP.

Thanks to the two Johns!

John AF6UA offered to be the Escondido Christmas Parade Coordinator for this year.

SKYWARN has offered to do a presentation at one of our club meetings and requested having our club arrange for a meeting place for their training. A discussion was held and it was decided to decline their request for providing a training site at this time.

The Rancho Bernardo CERT group requested the use of the club 2 meter repeater at 9 PM on Tuesdays. John AF6UA made a motion to allow them use of our repeater and Matt N6EAJ seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Jeff AE6GM will be sending them a copy of our net controller script and ask them to acknowledge the EARS club during each net.

Jeff AE6GM discussed again the use of the club's 2 meter repeater for CW practice by using a tone oscillator.

Marvin is evaluating the replacement of the Salvation Army radio room coax with a cleaner installation of up to 5 pieces of coax that can support UHF, VHF, and HF antennas. The uses would include emergency and group operating activities.

VI. Adjournment

Jeff AE6GM adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be September 19th, 2013.