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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 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
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large and Property Manager
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, Officer at Large

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by John N6EP.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January's board meeting minutes by Matt N6EAJ and seconded by Marvin W6MJM was passed with Teri W6TRB and Jo KB6NMK abstaining.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John N6EP

John reported that he and John Rau, W6PSK, performed a Morse code presentation at the Salvation Army to disadvantaged children. Major David was very pleased with the response and interest from the children.

John thanked Matt N6EAJ for running the last club meeting in John's absence.

Gary Calland WB6YXA donated a Tri-band beam, a 440 MHz beam, and several wire antennas to the club. John picked up this equipment from Gary. The club will sell it at the April auction.

b. Program Director's Report – Matt Tucker N6EAJ

I would like to thank Andre Hansen K6AH for his presentation of HSMM-MESH (hinternet) for our February EARS meeting.

The presenter for March will be Gene Swiech WB9COY. He will talk about Yagi antennas.

Matt also discussed having a brief "show and tell" before the meeting starts or during the meeting prior to the main presenter. This could be bringing in a newly released ham toy to show off or a micro presentation on how to do something ham related (from crimping wires to receiving JT65 contacts). John N6EP thought it was a good idea but suggested that it be left as an informal event before the meeting begins.

Matt also discussed the upcoming April club auction. Matt will contact Major David to reserve the gymnasium for the April 11th event. Teri and Marvin will check the status of the auction forms. Matt will post an auction flier at HRO.

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

Teri reported that the next opportunity drawing will be for three items: a Wouxun HT, a crimper with die, and a small wattmeter.

There are no expenditures to approve at this time.

Dirk N6SUN will provide 2012 tax forms for the club's annual filings.

d. Technical Committee Report

No report submitted.

e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

Bruce Woods had wanted to be point for AMGEN planning, but he is moving out of the area soon. I offered my services to the City, and received acknowledgement from the "chair of the AMGEN Tour of CA Technical Committee" on Feb 6th. AMGEN held a press conference on Feb 12 and announced the route. Laura KI6AOK contacted me about volunteers from San Marcos, I told her to contact the City.

f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

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

- Life: 52
- Paid: 35

- Total: 87

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.

- g. Newsletter Editor's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN
No report submitted.
- h. SANDARC Report
No report submitted.
- i. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN
No report submitted.

IV. Old Business

Konrad could not find the tower trailer paperwork that he had asked the club to retrieve from him. Marvin offered to contact Konrad again.

John N6EP is waiting to receive 4 new sets of keys from the Salvation Army for the building. The current key in his possession no longer works. The building alarm codes are user specific and are being issued to John N6EP, Matt N6EAJ, John AF6AU, and possibly others that need access. Matt N6EAJ also needs a special key to access the audio/video room.

Marvin reported that the Salvation Army club station needs new coax cabling. Only one coax is currently present and is used for 2 meters. There is a wire antenna on the roof thought to be a 40 meter dipole without any coax. Marvin recommends doing an inventory of what needs to be replaced and/or added so that the station can be upgraded for HF and 2 meters use. Having a working club station would be useful for possible children involvement with amateur radio.

V. New Business

John N6EP discussed the pre-club meeting dinner location. Mike's BBQ received mixed opinions, generally good food but long wait to order.

Field Day is only 4 months away and a Field Day chair person is needed. John N6EP will contact possible volunteers for this job.

With Bruce KI6YFH leaving the area, an opening exists for his vacated Office at Large position. Possible members were discussed to fill this position.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be March 21st, 2013.