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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 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
Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, Immediate Past President
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Zac Petersen, KJ6MLT, Officer at Large (approved during meeting)

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February's board meeting minutes by Matt N6EAJ and seconded by Teri W6TRB was passed with John AF6UA and Jo KB6NMK abstaining.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John N6EP

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

The upcoming auction was discussed. Marvin is expected to bring all necessary forms to the auction.

The annual club budget was discussed. A motion to approve the budget by John AF6UA and seconded by Jo KB6NMK passed unanimously. The items are:

Postage	\$18.00
PO Box	\$120.00
Insurance	\$320.00
Trailer fees	\$10.00

Field Day expenses	\$250.00
Christmas expenses	\$375.00
Picnic expenses	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$1,343.00

b. Program Director's Report – Matt Tucker N6EAJ

- Picked up a box of EARS related documents from Konrad (N6UKO). I will bring it to the board meeting since it contains a lot of financial documents and a checkbook
- Picked up keys from Alvy at the Salvation Army. I have three keys (outside doors, chapel, and AV room). More keys are available although it looked like the remaining keys were just for the outside doors. I'll give John Musselman the chapel key at the board meeting. Alvy should be around during our board meeting so we can get alarm codes and keys issued as needed.

Auction related:

- Art McBride is confirmed for April 11th. I told him I would follow up with him on an arrival time, but made it 6PM for now.
- Palomar and Fallbrook ham club newsletter people were contacted and both said they would put info about our auction in their newsletters
- HRO has a auction flyer hanging up on their bulletin board.
- Joe Acevedo (N6SIX) (works at HRO) asked some hams to announce the EARS auction on various nets and our flyer is displayed on <http://sdsixshooters.org/>

Meeting related:

I would like to thank Gene Swiech (WB9COY) for his presentation on antennas at our March club meeting.

I am actively working on getting presenters for the upcoming club meetings.

The April meeting will be our annual club auction.

- What: EARS Ham radio related auction
- Cost: Sellers \$3 (no commission), buyers free
- When: April 11th 2013
Seller check-in 6PM
Buyer check-in 6:30PM
Auction begins 7PM
- Where: Escondido Salvation Army Community Center
1301 Las Villas Way,
Escondido,
CA 92026

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

No checks were written

Checking \$1,396.27
Savings \$935.72
18-mo cert \$2,246.61
12-mo cert \$2,003.91

- d. Technical Committee Report
No report submitted.

- e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

Not much happened this month in terms of Emergency Services. Amgen is coming up on May 12th. I emailed the sign-up URL to the EARS membership. EARS is not participating as an organization, the City is managing all non-RACES and non-CERT hams as "spontaneous volunteers".

John discussed the San Diego 100 (Ultra marathon) to be held on June 8th and 9th. An informal group of hams will be supporting this event.

- f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Current membership as of March 18th is:

- Paid: 57 (37 ARRL members).
- Life: 53 (37 ARRL members).
- Total: 110 (74 ARRL members).

This gives us 67% ARRL membership, so affiliation is good.

Of the current paid life membership, could someone please contact Aubrey Stewart (W6ODG) to confirm/deny ARRL membership?

Big red button pressed to send out reminder email to those who haven't renewed for 2013 and beyond.

Current 2012 'past' members who still need chasing regarding the payment of dues / continuation of membership:

WX7MB	Mark Bales
N6MD	Kurt Barnhart
NB6R	Dr. Richard Beym
W6IPT	Edward Childers
N3XT	David Cleveland
NU6I	Yvon Dubois
KG6UFB	Diane Ebel
KG6QDS	David Ebel
KA6OCA	Gary Garman

KJ6NMY	Richard Gilman
KA6PEG	Peggy Helms
K6KAL	Richard Kalkofen
AF6WF	Rosemary Kalkofen
KC6VXY	Edward Keary
KJ6GOV	John Landen
N6TFL	Thomas Lettington
KJ6CLP	Emmet Logan
KG6DVE	John Magnone
KC6UQH	Arthur McBride
KJ6YAR	Tom McMillan
KI6YFK	Joanne Mettrick
K6BK	Mitch Mitchell
K1RVR	Scott Morrison
AG6MU	Pat O'Day
N6MUF	Ben Pyfer
W6DNA	Oliver Ryder
N6MJS	Michael Singer
KJ6VXM	Paul Varesio
KI6YFH	Bruce Woods
K3QEP	Robert Zelenack

My understanding is that David & Diane Ebel are given complimentary membership as a 'Thank you' from EARS for allowing use of their facilities. If this is the case, then they need to be updated in the EARS database.

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

The cut-off date for articles for April's ALL EARS is Thursday, 4th April (for publication on Monday 8th).

h. SANDARC Report

Robert presented a general license manual to the club as a gift from SANDARC. The book will be made available for everyone's use.

Rob KI6SBL announced that he will no longer be the EARS SANDARC delegate effective May 1, 2013.

i. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Monthly updates:

- March's ALL EARS added.
- Updated April's program details (Auction).
- Updated program schedule.
- Added Auction rules to document list.
- Removed 2012 budget details.
- Added 'Facebook' link.

- Updated opportunity drawing details.
- Updated 'Tech Support' links.
- Update valid exam dates for SANDERC VEC tests in Escondido.
- Updated member log-in to only allow current (paid-up) members to log-in.
- 'View Members' & 'AlIEARS Email list' functions updated to only show current (paid-up) member details.

Next month:

- Update Officer listing to remove Bruce Woods and add new approved replacement Officer-at-large.
- Add 2013 approved budget.
- Add approved board meeting minutes.
- Regular monthly updates.

Ongoing:

- Fix bug in editing 'Wanted' ads.
- Elmer List.
- Emergency Services List.
- Auto license expiry notification.
- EARS event photos.

Other:

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

IV. Old Business

John N6EP and Matt N6EAJ reviewed the documents that were retrieved from Konrad. The unnecessary documents are being properly discarded.

John N6EP picked up a new set of keys from the Salvation Army for the building. Matt N6EAJ had already received a set of building keys and an alarm code.

The club station antenna work is pending an inventory by Marvin of the current coax and antenna state.

V. New Business

The Field Day chairman is John McNelly AF6UA. The first Field Day meeting will be held at the Salvation Army next week on March 28th at 7PM. Zac KJ6MLT offered to be the GOTA captain and John N6EP will be the CW captain. A phone captain is still needed.

With Bruce KI6YFH having left the area, Zac Petersen KJ6MLT offered to fill Bruce's Office at Large position on the board. A motion to approve Zac as Officer at Large was made by John AF6UA and seconded by Jo KB6NMK. It passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be April 18th, 2013.