



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 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
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large and Property Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by Matt N6EAJ in the president's absence.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve April's board meeting minutes by John AF6UA and seconded by Zac KJ6MLT was passed with Jo KB6NMK and Teri K6TRB abstaining.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John N6EP

No report submitted.

b. Program Director's Report – Matt Tucker N6EAJ

I would like to thank Dr. Henry Richter W6VZA for his presentation about the Explorer 1 satellite during our May meeting. Dick Kalkofen K6KAL videotaped Dr. Henry's presentation and I have e-mailed Dick to see about getting a copy of the video.

Upcoming presentations:

I don't have anyone confirmed at this point for the June meeting. I e-mailed Vivian Wentworth-Kitson W6NWF to see if she would like to talk about her experience

with organizing field day last year. I thought this would be a good “pep rally” type meeting for the upcoming field day.

John McNelly AF6UA got approval from Randy Licata for a tour of the Escondido Police Department communication area. If Roger Hicks KB6DQO is available to lead the tour that will be our June presentation. If not, I will schedule him for later in the year.

I have talked to several people that have said they will do a presentation later in the year.

Jeff Murdock AE6GM: Emergency location beacons and his experience with locating help during a recent trip.

Mike Hightower KF6SJ: his homebrew software defined radio and lower power transmitter

Me N6EAJ: Powering ham radio equipment and the basic types of power supplies.

Major David Ebel KG6QDS told me that he will be leaving the Escondido Salvation Army to lead the startup of a new Salvation Army in Barstow CA. He asked me if we could get a group together to help him take his antenna down. A group from EARS helped put it up.

I will be going to the Salvation Army to try out their computer/network to make sure it can support a Skype call in case we want to have a remote speaker for one of our monthly meetings. The Ham Nation crew advertises that they will present at meetings this way.

c. Treasurer’s Report – Teri W6TRB

As of 5/16/2013, the balances were:

Checking \$1,839.25

Savings \$935.88

18-mo cert \$2,248.86 (maturing 1/5/2014)

12-mo cert \$2,004.91 (maturing 7/5/2013)

The club’s net income from the auction was \$354.50.

The next opportunity drawing needs to sell \$53.00 more tickets.

d. Technical Committee Report

Jeff AE6GM reported that the 220 MHz repeater receiver failed and he replaced an RF connector. The 2 meter / 220 MHz link has not been restored due to some noise issues.

Marvin W6MJM has in his possession a commercial grade 2 meter antenna that will be used to replace the existing antenna. The new antenna should improve coverage.

e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

The Amgen cycle race was held on Sunday May 12th and was a great success. About 10 hams assisted the Escondido section of the race.

Field Day still needs an HF band captain.

There is only one more Field Day meeting and it will be held at 7PM at Salvation Army on Thursday, 5/23/2013.

f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Current membership as of May 7th 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.

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

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

The cut-off date for articles for June's ALL EARS is Thursday, 6th June (for publication on Monday 10th).

Could someone contact Jane Hull, W6YAK, to confirm e-mail address, as the current one we have on file bounces back.

h. SANDARC Report

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

i. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Monthly updates:

May's ALL EARS added.

Updated June's program details (Awaiting full details from Matt).

Updated program schedule (Awaiting full details from Matt).

Updated valid exam dates for SANDARC VEC tests in Escondido.

Updated new VEC address as from May 25th.

Updated Officer listing to add Zac Petersen as new Officer-at-large.
Updated ARRL website with current membership data and general club info.

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 needs assistance in removing his antenna from his home before he moves away. He would prefer to have them taken down in late June. A group of volunteers will need to be assembled.

John AF6UA reports that on Saturday, 5/18/2013, the ARC of El Cajon is hosting a fox hunt at Kit Carson Park with starting times between 10:30 AM and 1:30PM and completion at 3:30 PM. A barbeque will be held afterwards. Their club website has more details.

The San Diego Six Shooters ARC will have an operating booth this Saturday, 5/18/2013, at the Explore Mission Trails Day.

Teri W6TRB suggested that the club application brochure needs updating. Marvin W6MJM has the original and will send a copy out to the board for review. Marvin W6MJM has other auction forms in electronic format. Mike KF6SJ offered to place copies on the club's ADrive.com cloud drive.

Jeff AE6GM suggested that the club consider a CW net in an effort to familiarize other hams to CW operation. The board discussed this and thought that a CW net could follow

the Sunday night net, using the 2 meter repeater and sending audio tones in CW over the repeater.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be June 20th, 2013.