



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
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An ARRL Affiliated Club



## **EARS Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 21, 2013**

### **I. Call to Order**

Jeff Murdock, AE6GM President  
John Musselman, N6EP, Immediate Past President  
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Vice President  
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Secretary  
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer  
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large  
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator  
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN Officer at Large  
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large and Property Manager

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

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve October's board meeting minutes by John AF6UA and seconded John N6EP by was passed with Jo KB6NMK abstaining.

### **III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports**

- a. President's Report - Jeff AE6GM  
Jeff thanked Steve W6TAN for adding the calendar to the EARS website.
- b. Program Director's Report – Matt Tucker N6EAJ  
I would like to thank Mike Hightower KF6SJ for giving us a digital mode demonstration at the November EARS meeting.

Upcoming presentations:

Saturday December 14th 2013 will be the annual EARS Christmas party (the evening of the Escondido Christmas parade). John Belstner agreed to host the Christmas party at his house again even though his work Christmas party is the same night. Thanks very much John! I will be publicizing the party through All EARS, Facebook, Yahoo groups, and group e-mail.

I will be working on getting presenters for 2014 which will include calling Ron N6XT to see if he will do his DX expedition presentation that was scheduled for November.

Other business:

Jim Zapata KK6FFK got back to me about the possible Boy Scout ham radio training. He says "Bypassing tomorrow, we are looking at either the next Wednesday and Friday November the 20th & 22nd, or the 27th and 29th (surrounding Thanks giving) or the first week in December might also work. I have a request out to the church that hosts troop 709, but am waiting to hear back if we can do the classes there, or if we'd need to take you up on using the Salvation Army's venue. We really want to make it as convenient as possible for your volunteers, so please let us know which location works best for them?" He also asked if Jo Ashley would be able to organize VEs to be available following the 2nd class. He asked if Jo could contact him.

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

I have attached a lot of Documents to this report: The Bank reconciliation for October, the Profit & Loss for 10/18/13 thru 11/20/13, the Profit & Loss for Year to Date, the Renewal Notice for Property Insurance from Marsh Insurance, and the list of Property both what we want on the policy and what to remove.

The balance of accounts:

Checking: \$ 755.75

Savings: \$1,236.46

CD 12 mo: \$2,007.42 This CD expires 7/5/14

CD 18 mo: \$2,254.53 This CD expires 1/5/14

A discussion and review was held on the items covered by the club equipment insurance. Some items were removed and some values were changed. The list will be updated and sent to Marsh, the insurance company.

John AF6UA made a motion to donate \$250 to the Salvation Army. Dirk N6SUN seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John AF6UA made a motion to not renew the CD maturing in January and place the money in the club savings or checking account. Dirk N6SUN seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John N6EP moved to charge \$10 per person for the club Christmas party this year. Jo KB6NMK seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d. Technical Committee Report

Jeff AE6GM reported that the 220 MHz repeater is still off the air and still without a site. His search continues.

- e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA  
John requested and was given permission to use the EARS 2m repeater on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for an Escondido CERT exercise.

The next big event is the Jaycees' Escondido Christmas Parade, on Dec 14th.

Teri kindly volunteered to help with the planning.

We attended a Jaycees meeting last night, and the Jaycees will be holding additional weekly meetings until the event. (Well, no meeting on Thanksgiving Eve.)

So far, we have about a dozen radio volunteers. Everybody says we'll need about twice that many.

Hams will be issued t-shirts (not as compensation, but to help identify them as legitimate parade personnel).

Dec 14th Parade Day Schedule is:

6:00AM: Orientation meeting at Cocina De Charro

8:00AM: EPD (Escondido Police Dept) start closing streets (typically a soft close until about 8:30/8:45)

9:30AM: Parade Start

?:??PM: "Thanks for volunteering for the parade" party at John Belstner's house

Be sure to volunteer for the parade, to get the gate code for John Belstner's neighborhood.

I'm keeping notes on the parade in the EARS SkyDrive folder, at Documents\ChristmasParade\2013

- f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

3 new members added this month:

- Theodore Jacobson, KK6CSO
- Joseph Pitz, KK6GYJ
- Stephen Stipp, KK6AHB

Current membership as of November 14th is:

- Paid: 72 (53 ARRL members).
- Life: 55 (38 ARRL members).
- Total: 127 (91 ARRL members).

This gives us 72% ARRL membership, so affiliation is good.

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

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

Many thanks to all who submitted articles. Please do try to get them to me on time...  
Updating All EARS in the evenings after work is not always practical.

h. SANDARC Report

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

i. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Monthly updates:

- November's ALL EARS added.
- Updated program schedule.
- New EARS Google calendar added.
- Updated valid exam dates for SANDARC VEC tests in Escondido.

Next month:

- 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.
- Add 2013 approved budget (when eventually available) - maybe this should now be the 2014 budget!
- Add approved board meeting minutes.
- Add updated EARS membership brochure (still required).

**IV. Old Business**

The EARS pamphlet was revised by Jeff AE6GM, John N6EP, and John W9EN.

**V. New Business**

The 2014 EARS Officers election was held during the last club meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>. The following are the results:

President  
Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Emergency Services Coordinator

Michael Hightower KF6SJ  
Matt Tucker N6EAJ  
Teri Bloom W6TRB  
John Musselman N6EP  
John McNelly AF6UA

Officer-at-Large  
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Jo Ashley KB6NMK  
Dirk Reschly N6SUN  
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson W6NWF  
Jeff Murdock AE6GM  
Zac Petersen KJ6MLT

Mike KF6SJ made a motion to cancel the December board meeting. Jo KB6NMK seconded the motion and it passed.

**VI. Adjournment**

Jeff AE6GM adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. There is no December meeting.