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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2013

I. Call to Order

Jeff Murdock, AE6GM President
John Musselman, N6EP, Immediate Past President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Vice President
Teri Bloom, W6TRB, Treasurer
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Officer at Large and Property Manager
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN Officer at Large
Robert Kitson, KI6SBL
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jeff AE6GM.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve August's board meeting minutes by John N6EP and seconded by John AF6UA was passed.

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

- a. President's Report - Jeff AE6GM
Discussion of CQP and it was decided not to make any Club activity, just individual.
Jeff reported that, from last month's tasks, he had talked to Teri, but not to John Tyson N6WST yet.
- b. Program Director's Report – Matt Tucker N6EAJ
Thanks to David Tarr KJ6DFT and the students from Escondido Charter High School for presenting about their robot. I will have the students name for the October All EARS.

Our own Jeff Murdock AE6GM will present about personal location beacons for our October meeting.

I was contacted Ron N6XT and confirmed his availability for the November meeting to talk about a ham expedition he was on.

I was reimbursed by EARS for the 2013 picnic expenses (\$151.34 spent at Smart and Final).

Jim Zapata KK6FFK talked to me and then the club at the September meeting about getting some cub scouts through a ham radio technician class. I would like to discuss the options for this at the board meeting (who to contact, would the scouts be able to come to one of the big technician classes or maybe have their own?.....).

I have been uploading information, pictures, flyers, to the EARS Skydrive account (cloud account) If you would like to upload to it or view its contents, let me know and I will give the username/password to any current officer/officer at large.

Dirk Reschly N6SUN e-mailed all the club officers regarding a donation from a SK ham. His info/questions are pasted below. He would like to cover these in the September board meeting.

"The club now owns the following items:

1. a Tri-Ex three section crank up tower with a cubicle quad on the top. I probably have the paper work for this.
2. an Alpha 76 amplifier. In absolutely mint condition. With manual.
3. a Kenwood TS-820 also pristine. With operating manual and service manual.

There may be other minor items, but that is what I have at this time.

A few items to consider...

1. The Kenwood turns on and you hear static, but the VFO doesn't seem to work. It definitely needs some attention.
2. The cable on the tower is very rusty.
3. How do we go about removing towers? Can we organize a work party? No rush here, but we should have a plan.
4. Sell these items at the auction or try to sell them now?
5. Need a letter acknowledging the donation."

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri W6TRB

12 mo CD \$2,005.91

18 mo CD \$2,251.12

Svg acct \$1,936.15

Ckg acct \$ 719.41 -\$372.67 = \$346.74

The latest opportunity drawing netted the club \$32.48

Still waiting for ideas for next drawing...

Teri also reported that when she went to the PO, they informed her that our PO Box may be moved to the Mission office. The clerk didn't know if the number would be the same.

d. Technical Committee Report

Jeff AE6GM reported that the 220 MHz repeater is still off the air. There was a discussion of possible repeater locations including a ham to contact that lives near the old site at the top of Mt Whitney.

e. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

The RB club has been using our repeater for their net with our permission. John AF6UA volunteered to do the Christmas Parade ("unless someone else really wants to"). There was a discussion of putting a note on the website for family of SK hams to help them dispose of ham assets. It was decided to put a note to the effect that we can put you in touch with one of the hams we know who will help with this.

f. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

3 new members added this month:

Donald Keele, KK6DYZ

Ronald Smitter, KK6GHF

John Rotondi, WA2OOB

Current membership as of September 19th is:

Paid: 69 (50 ARRL members).

Life: 55 (38 ARRL members).

Total: 124 (88 ARRL members).

This gives us 62% ARRL membership, so affiliation is still good.

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

The cut-off date for articles for October's ALL EARS is Thursday, 3rd October (for publication on Monday 7th).

Many thanks to Matt for contacting Jane Hull confirming new e-mail address.

Many, many thanks for all of the great submissions.

h. SANDARC Report

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

i. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Monthly updates:

September's ALL EARS 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).

Add approved board meeting minutes.

Other:

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

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

A discussion was held on donation of equipment which has been made to the club by the family of an SK ham. Dirk will complete the inventory and John EP will write a letter for the donor. Need to look at the tower to plan removal then a work party to do actual removal. John EP will look at fixing the TS-820 radio.

Discussion of the radio room at the Salvation Army and whether any work needs to be done.

Discussion of nominating committee search for new officers. Each current officer in attendance was polled. Need a President and one or two officers-at-large. Still need to talk to some current officers.

Discussion of Boy Scout contact. Jeff GM and John EP offered to run a class for Scouts to learn radio for the purpose of getting a license, probably in Oceanside. We will also see if they want to do something to earn their radio merit badge.

VI. Adjournment

Jeff AE6GM adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be October 17th, 2013.