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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

August 21st, 2014

Board Members Present:

Michael Hightower – President – KF6SJ
Matt Tucker – Vice President – N6EAJ
John Musselman – Secretary – N6EP
Teri Bloom – Treasurer – W6TRB
Dirk Reschly – OAL – N6SUN
Jo Ashley – OAL – KB6NMK
Bud Hennessey – OAL – AE6BH

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Club President, Mike KF6SJ
2. Matt N6EAJ moved to accept the minutes from the July Board Meeting. Teri W6TRB seconded. The minutes were approved with two abstentions (KB6NMK and N6SUN).

OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- a. President's Report (Mike KF6SJ):
 - No report.
- b. Vice-President's Report (Matt N6EAJ):

(By email)

Picnic:

Thanks to everyone that helped out with the 2014 EARS picnic..... especially Jo Ashley KB6NMK for bringing stuff and helping setup, Teri Bloom W6TRB for ordering pizza and setup, Jeff Murdock AE6GM for his 2m antenna building class, and Sam N6SD for setting up and bringing the T-hunt transmitters. Although there was still plenty of work to be done, ordering pizza shaved off a lot of work compared to a BBQ. I thought the ice cream was a nice touch and made it fun. The 2m antenna building class was a big hit. I uploaded some pictures I took to the EARS skydrive

(<https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=6F991E59259C06DB!741&authkey=!AlirsR3UqtBwfwQ&ithint=folder%2cJPG>) and will post the link in the September All EARS newsletter for all to see.

September 2014 meeting:

Jeff Murdock AE6GM will present about how CERT was involved in the May 2014 Carlsbad fires. Although they did not need to use ham radio to communicate during the fires, Jeff will discuss how ham radio could have been used if local communications were down.

At the picnic, Harry Hodges W6YOO talked to me about him using the EARS projector at the upcoming ARRL SW Division hamfest. The last Harry heard, the organizers hadn't secured projectors for all the presentation rooms. Although it seems likely they will, I want to let the board members know about the possibility of using the projector since it is an EARS asset. Since the projector will be used by an EARS member/board member at a ham radio event, I suggest we make it available if needed (I would bring it with me and help setup for Harry's presentation).

- Matt mentioned that Sam N6SD will donate the foxes (transmitters) used in the T-Hunt to EARS.

c. Treasurer's Report (Teri W6TRB):

(By email)

Treasurers Report as of 8/21/14

Savings acct bal: \$5,507.86

12 mo CD closed and funds transferred to Savings acct

Checking acct bal: \$2,532.83

Cks written: Impulse Electronics \$44.45 antenna event supplies picnic 2014

Matt Tucker \$114.92 picnic 2014 supplies

Papa Johns pizza \$115.58 picnic food

US Postmaster \$128.00 annual PO Box fee

Check deposited 7/10 was returned NSF - KG6SDH Jack Hopkins. Called and left 3 messages, no call back. Bank charged \$25.

Opportunity Drawing: to date: \$198.00 need +\$155 additional minimum to draw.

- There was some discussion of the bounced check.

d. Technical Committee Report:

- No report.

e. Emergency services coordinator's report:

- No report.

f. Membership Report (Steve W6TAN):

- No report.

g. Newsletter Editor's Report:

- No report.

h. SANDARC Report (Mike KF6SJ):

(by email)

Zac KJ6MLT and I attended the quarterly SANDARC meeting held on July 31st. The annual budget was reviewed and approved by the group. The ARRL SW Convention committee gave a brief review of the convention financials. SANDARC is launching a

new website and it was demonstrated at the meeting. I verified that the EARS Club information was correct on the new site.

i. Webmaster Report:

(By email)

I've found a bug in the EARS website which when selecting the 'View Members' option - it basically displayed SK info as well as current & Life members. It was down to comparing strings & numbers, and has been fixed!

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. There was an extended discussion of a possible EARS scholarship. It was decided not to proceed with this idea. Everyone thanked Bud AE6BH for his research.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was discussion of the repeater. Its input has been noisy and it seems to have been getting progressively worse. A service trip to the repeater site was arranged for the following Saturday.
- b. Our insurance was discussed. Teri will pay this in early September.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, September 18th, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by John Mussleman, N6EP, Secretary.