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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

February 27th, 2014

Board Members Present:

Michael Hightower – President – KF6SJ
Matt Tucker – Vice President – N6EAJ
John Musselman – Secretary – N6EP
Teri Bloom – Treasurer – W6TRB
John McNelly - Emergency Services Coordinator – AF6UA
Jo Ashley – MAL – KB6NMK
Steven Richards – MAL – KI6SBQ
Bud Hennessy – MAL – AE6BH

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Club President, Mike KF6SJ
2. John AF6UA moved to accept the minutes from the January Board Meeting. Matt N6EAJ seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- a. President's Report (Mike KF6SJ):
 - Bud AE6BH has volunteered to fill the open member-at-large position. Motion by John N6EP, seconded by Teri W6TRB, to add Bud AE6BH as a member-at-large to the Board. Approved unanimously.
- b. Vice-President's Report (Matt N6EAJ):

(By email)

EARS would like to thank Dr. Henry Richter W6VZA for his presentation about communicating to satellites that are far far away.

The March club meeting will be by Mark McComb W6MCO. He will talk about Arduino microcontroller boards. Arduino makes it easy for experimenters and students to use microcontrollers with very little hassle or setup. Mark has been confirmed and I am waiting for a summary of his presentation that can be published. I pinged him again today 2/26 for a summary.

April will be the club auction.

May looks promising for Dan Hendricks. Dan owns the Open Source Maker Labs company that Jon McNelly talked about in the February All EARS. Dan was open for the April meeting which

of course is scheduled. I am waiting to hear back from him to see if May will work (pinged again today 2/26).

Early in the month, I e-mailed Lt. James Parks about getting another key that will open the SA sanctuary and the board meeting room. I did not hear back. Since at least two other members have this key, I won't nag him about this. I e-mailed LT. James today 2/26 to confirm the use of the basketball courts in the SA (tables and chairs) for the auction and to see if the youth group would be interested in selling dinners like they did last year.

c. Treasurer's Report (Teri W6TRB):

See attached, including the approved budget for 2014.

- There was a discussion of the new Paypal account. Mike will ask Steve W6TAN to forward any payment notifications to "paypal@earsclub.org" with the ability to redirect that address.
- There was a discussion of opportunity drawing prizes.

d. Technical Committee Report:

- No report.

e. Emergency services coordinator's report (John AF6UA):

- Two ultramarathons are coming up, the one on March 22 needs operators.
- There is a new EMCOMM group in San Diego (named HDREN) which focuses on "high data rate" emergency communications.

f. Membership Report (Steve W6TAN):

(By email)

Membership is currently at 131, which includes those that have paid up to 2013.

Current membership (excluding 2013 members) stands at 97, 55 of which are life members.

Current ARRL membership (of paid-up / life membership) is 73, so ARRL affiliation is good (75%).

Steve W6TAN also emailed a list of persons who have not yet renewed and this was discussed. It was suggested that possibly an email could be sent with a link to pay by Paypal, now that we have Paypal set up. (And next year maybe we can take this approach even before the end of the year.)

g. Newsletter Report:

(By email)

Many thanks to all of those who submitted some great articles for February's All EARS.

Articles for March's All EARS are due by Thursday, 6th March - ready for publication on Sunday the 9th.

Some minor changes are planned to the current layout, so could you all take a few minutes to review (for correctness) the information contained in the general sections at the end of All EARS and let me know your thoughts.

Steve also sent a list of specific questions and various Board members said they would respond to him.

h. SANDARC Report (Mike KF6SJ):

(By email)

EARS Delegate report of the SANDARC meeting held on January 30th, 2014.

EARS was one of 4 clubs that SANDARC considered inactive. They welcomed the EARS Club back into representation.

A report was given regarding the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention preparations. The convention is being held in San Diego this September and SANDARC is the organizer. The majority of this discussion was related to the \$18.7K financial exposure to SANDARC if not enough of the hotel rooms and/or not enough of the convention floor booths are sold.

A motion was made to change the SANDARC meetings from monthly to quarterly. The motion passed. The next SANDARC meeting will be held on April 24th, 2014.

A motion was made to move the meetings to a restaurant. The motion passed. The meetings were being held at the Kearny Mesa Recreation Center. A selection of three restaurants will be emailed to delegates. The delegate is to vote for their choice of a meeting location.

i. Webmaster Report:

(By email)

The EARS website is currently up-to-date as far as possible.

Need March's program details.

Opportunity drawing details will be updated when next prizes are known.

New officer-at-large details added (Steve Richards, KI6SBQ), have the final officer-at-large details ready to go once he's been voted in (Bud Hennessy, AE6BH).

Currently working on PayPal feature - Membership, Donations, Auction.

Still need the updated membership application form.

Several other on-going changes & bug-fixes are still planned for when time allows.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. John N6EP moved, Matt N6EAJ seconded, to approve printing of 500 EARS brochures. Passed with 6 Yays and 2 Nays.
- b. There was a discussion of the disposition of the recent estate donation to EARS. Bud AE6BH bought the tower for \$500.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The auction was discussed. It was suggested to make a web page with a simple list of items which will be on sale so that buyer's can list their items in advance if desired. The spreadsheet is ready and Mike will show it at the March Board meeting. Speeding up the auction was discussed and three rules were decided on: 1. Sellers will pay \$1 per tag instead of \$3 per seller 2.

Maximum 5 tags per seller unless authorized by EARS. 3. Ham radio related items only. (There will be someone to oversee the check-in of items – Mike KF6SJ volunteered)

- b. PARC has invited EARS to participate in Operating Day in the Fry's parking lot April 26th.
- c. John AF6UA volunteered timidly to be the Field Chairman and was accepted unanimously, enthusiastically, and with acclaim, due to the excellent job he did last year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, March 20th, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by John Mussleman, N6EP, Secretary.