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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

January 16th, 2014

Board Members Present:

Michael Hightower – President – KF6SJ
Matt Tucker – Vice President – N6EAJ
John Musselman – Secretary – N6EP
Teri Bloom – Treasurer – W6TRB
Jeff Murdock – Immediate Past President – AE6GM
John McNelly - Emergency Services Coordinator – AF6UA
Jo Ashley – MAL – KB6NMK
Dirk Reschly - MAL – N6SUN
Zac Petersen – MAL – KJ6MLT
Steven Richards – MAL – KI6SBQ
Harry Hodges – Historian - W6YOO

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Club President, Mike KF6SJ
2. John AF6UA moved to accept the minutes from the November Board Meeting, Harry YOO seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- a. President's Report:
 - Discussion of open member-at-large position. Motion by Jo KB6NMK, seconded by Jeff AE6GM, to add Steven KI6SBQ as a member-at-large to the Board. Approved unanimously.

- b. Vice-President's Report:

Club Meetings:

EARS would like to thank Ron Rosson N6XT for presenting at our January meeting about his 1st DX Expedition to American Samoa and Samoa.

During our February 13th meeting, Dr. Henry Richter was tell us how NASA communicates with Voyager at 11,700,000,000 miles - radio transit time about 18 hours (distance=2/3 of a light-day). NASA operates a deep space net in three locations spaced 120 deg around the globe. They each have a 210-ft diameter antenna plus several smaller ones about 85-ft diameter. They stay in touch with the two Voyagers, plus 32 other spacecraft like Cassini orbiting Saturn, the mars rovers, the mars orbiters, and a bunch more.

Picnic:

I would like to discuss two things about the picnic. 1. Possibly bringing in prepared food and not BBQing. 2. The location of the picnic and determine if we should move the EARS annual picnic to a location that costs money, but will reserve a spot. Here is location/price info that I found last year. Felicita park: Area 7 up to 100 people: 2 small BBQs, partial shade, separated from center of park. Nonprofit rate: \$130. Dixon Lake: Picnic Shelter/Group BBQ Section \$30.00/section Kit Carson Park: smaller place is \$50 and up to 50 people. It has a BBQ and is called tree lake #2. Other two areas are larger (up to 300 people?), but \$95

SA Keys:

I would like to see if I can get a key to the Salvation Army sanctuary room from an EARS officer that has one. If everyone wants to keep their key, I can ask Lt. Parks for a key.

- Discussion of an Excel spreadsheet for the auction. Mike and Zac will come up with an idea.
- Discussion of picnic date and location. No decisions at this time.
- Discussion of getting a “clicker” for the projector at the meetings. Harry YOO moved, John EP seconded, to authorize up to \$55 for the purchase.

c. Treasurer’s Report:

- The 18-month CD was closed January 6th and moved to savings.
- Discussion of the proposed budget. Matt EAJ moved, Jeff AE6GM seconded, to approve with changes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of opening a paypal account for the Club. There is no fee for setting up the account and 2.9% per transaction. Steve KI6SBQ moved, Teri W6TRB seconded, to approve. Motion passed with two nays.
- Dirk N6SUN informed us of status of the donation from a silent key’s estate. We will arrange a work party to the site to look at the tower.

d. Emergency services coordinator’s report:

- Escondido Christmas Parade went off OK
- Took notes all last year in EARS's SkyDrive for Field Day, Annual Picnic, Grape Day Parade, and Christmas Parade
- We have campsite reserved for Field Day 2014
- 500 free tents left: <http://www.readysandiego.org/>

- Mention of new free phone app which is available, called “SDEmergency”.

e. Technical Committee Report:

- No report.

f. Membership Report:

Membership is currently at 130, which includes those that have paid up to 2013. Current membership (excluding 2013 members) stands at 82, 55 of which are life members. Time to send out some reminders methinks! Delinquent list to follow.

g. Newsletter Report:

Many thanks to all of those who submitted articles for January's All EARS. Many thanks to the 1 or 2 who submitted articles for December's All EARS... Sorry for not publishing it, but it didn't seem worth it at the time. Sorry to John McNelly for forgetting to publishing his article in either December's or January's All EARS!

I will attempt to publish All EARS on the Sunday following the first Thursday of the (article cut-off date), but to do this I really really need those articles in BEFORE the deadline. I do not have time to work on All EARS in the evenings.

- h. SANDARC Report:
 - Mike KF6SJ may go to SANDARC this month.
- i. Webmaster Report:

The EARS website is currently up-to-date. Thanks to Matt for providing February's program details.

Several on-going changes & bug-fixes are planned for next month (as previously reported). Some new features are also in the pipeline (more details to follow next month).

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Teri W6TRB will ask Marvin W6MJM about printing the EARS pamphlet.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Harry W6YOO will be operating as W1AW/6 in mid-February and needs guest operators.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, February 27th, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by John Mussleman, N6EP, Secretary.