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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 20th, 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
Bud Hennessy – MAL – AE6BH
Zac Petersen – MAL – KJ6MLT

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. Teri W6TRB seconded. The minutes were approved, with one abstention by Jo KB6NMK.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- a. President's Report (Mike KF6SJ):
 - Mike relayed his conversation with Lt Parks of the Salvation Army regarding their proposed rental agreement. It was decided to see what other locations might be available.
- b. Vice-President's Report (Matt N6EAJ):

(By email)

EARS would like to thank Mark McComb W6MCO for his talk about Arduino microcontrollers at our March meeting. I think it got a lot of our members excited about trying an Arduino. I purchased one that night. It will be interesting to see what EARS hams do with Arduino.

Meeting info:

April 10th is the EARS annual auction. The auction will take place at the Salvation Army gymnasium. Cost: Sellers \$1 per tag, buyers free When: Seller check-in 6PM, Buyer check-in 6:30PM, Auction begins 7PM Dinner: The Salvation Army youth group will be selling dinner to raise money for a trip. Steve V. setup a web page for last minute info and a listing of big ticket items at <http://www.earsclub.org/auction>

Norm KF6GOF had a suggestion to give a EARS membership to new hams that have passed the novice exam at the Escondido testing. The membership would only be good to the end of the year (to keep it simple).

- There was a discussion of the new Paypal account in regards to the auction. It was decided EARS will not try to recoup the cost directly. It was decided to charge \$2 for the first auction tag to cover the cost of mailing sellers' checks.
- On motion of Zac KJ6MLT, second by Bud, AE6BH, it was passed unanimously to provide new licensees with free EARS membership through the end of the year they get their license. This only applies to new licenses, not renewals.

c. Treasurer's Report (Teri W6TRB):

(By email)

We received three memberships via PayPal, each one was processed differently. One was emailed, one was scanned with the new scanner and the other was punched in. And each worked! The funds were transferred 03/19/14 and take 3-4 days. The amount transferred is \$178.91, PayPal fees were \$1.09.

As of 03/25/15

Savings: \$3,494.96

Checking: \$1,745.08

CD 07-05-14: \$2,009.91

For expenses we had the revised membership brochures printed, the Arduino Starter kit plus sensor for the opportunity drawing and a roll of tickets.

Print World \$91.80

Amazon \$59.98

Staples: \$7.55

- Teri mentioned that the brochures are done and she showed everyone a sample. 500 were printed.

d. Technical Committee Report:

- No report.

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

- The Tuesday night CERT net has consolidated with another net and is now on a different repeater and not the EARS repeater.
- On March 26th, there will be a tsunami test alert.

f. Membership Report (Steve W6TAN):

(By email)

Current membership stands at 104, 56 of which are life members.

I will be pressing the big red button soon to give the final reminder - I will also mention about paying by PayPal. I will then update the EARS membership info on the ARRL website at the end of March.

g. Newsletter Report:

(By email)

Many thanks to all of those who submitted some great articles for March's All EARS. I'm sorry that it was late, but had some personal issues which took priority. Articles for April's All EARS are due by Thursday, 3rd April - ready for publication on Sunday the 6th.

Some minor changes are still 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.

h. SANDARC Report (Mike KF6SJ):

No report, SANDARC meets next in April.

i. Webmaster Report:

(By email)

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

Need auction details when known.

New officers-at-large details added (Steve Richards, KI6SBQ & Bud Hennessy, AE6BH).

Almost finished PayPal feature – Membership.

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. There was a brief discussion of the new computerized record keeping for the auction. It was decided to look at the program in detail after the Board meeting proper.
- b. There was a discussion of the estate equipment which was donated to EARS.
- c. The first Field Day meeting will be held on March 27th.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. PARC has invited EARS to participate in Operating Day in the Fry's parking lot April 26th. It was decided that EARS would not formally participate, although many members will be attending.
- b. Jo KB6NMK mentioned the need for VEs. On March 29th, there will be a regular VE session in the morning and a class of about 35 people testing in the afternoon in Poway. Also, the regular VE session on April 26th will be followed on May 3rd with another license class in Rancho Bernardo.
- c. Problems with Echo-Link were discussed briefly.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, April 17th, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by John Mussleman, N6EP, Secretary.