



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

November 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 – OAL – KB6NMK
Bud Henessey – OAL – AE6BH
Dirk Reschly – OAL – N6SUN
Jeff Murdock – Immediate Past President – AE6GM
Roger Gagos – Member – K6EQ
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson – Member – W6NWF
Robert Kitson – Member – KI6SBL

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Club President, Mike KF6SJ
2. John AF6UA moved to accept the minutes from the October Board Meeting as corrected. Dirk N6SUN seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously except for abstentions from Jeff AE6GM and Matt N6EAJ.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a. President's Report (Mike KF6SJ):

- Mike noted that our treasurer, Teri W6TRB, is leaving our area. He thanked her for her contributions to the club and wished her the best in her new home on behalf of the Club.
- Tom N6TFL donated a new Alinco DJ-500 HT to the club for our opportunity drawings.
- Vivian W6NWF has volunteered to run Field Day this year and was appointed to the position by Mike.
- Yaesu will rebate the club \$1,000 for our first repeater purchase.
- The club has added an informal Sunday evening DIGITAL net that follows our normal 8 PM Sunday night analog FM net. The purpose is to stimulate digital mode repeater use.

b. Vice-President's Report (Matt N6EAJ):

(By email)

Upcoming events:

The EARS 2014 Christmas party will be on Saturday December 13th at 4PM at John Belstner's house. Last year we did the following. Lets have a brief discussion if we want to keep the cost, white elephant gift exchange, and the non-ham gift for this year.

Cost: \$10 per person \$20 per couple

Where: 27364 St Andrews Lane, Valley Center, CA 92082 (John and Lynn Belstner)

White Elephant Gift Exchange: Bring One Wrapped Gift Valued at less than \$10.00 (rules found here http://www.earsclub.org/documents/pdf/white_elephant.pdf)

Non-Ham gift: A gift will be given to one of the non-Hams at the party

The morning of the Christmas party will be the Escondido Christmas Parade. John McNelly AF6UA is organizing EARS involvement in the parade.

I contacted Roger Hicks KB6DQO about reserving the EARS field day site. Last year he was able to reserve our group of sites well before the date available to the general public. I confirmed with Mike KF6SJ on the dates and have asked Roger to reserve the semi-circle" with the six sites (#s 26,27,28,29, 46,47) arriving on 6/26/15 and leaving 6/28/15. I asked Roger to let us know about payment for the reservation. Vivian W6NWF has volunteered to be the Field Day lead so I will copy her on any field day related info that comes my way.

Inventory:

Radio Equipment:

I store some EARS radio equipment at my work and have been updating and e-mailing the inventory list as it changes (people borrow or return equipment). Here is the latest inventory as sent out on November 2nd to all officers.

Equipment at Matt's work:

Yaesu FT757GX HF radio QTY 1

Yaesu FP-700 power supply

Yaesu FC-757AT antenna tuner

Icom IC-228H 2m transceiver (Steve KI6SBQ 11/2/2014)

Power supply with cable for IC-228 (Steve KI6SBQ 11/2/2014)

Kenwood TS430S HF transceiver QTY1 (2nd unit checked out to Bill Dahnke KK6LWE 7/25/2014)

Kenwood PS430 power supply QTY2

Bench CW key

Kenwood AT250 antenna tuner QTY2

Bandpass filter assembly model 407

Bandpass filter assembly model 411

Other EARS property:

At my house I am storing some EARS tableware and other miscellaneous items

Holiday paper plates, 9" approx. QTY 50

White plastic plates, large QTY approx 50

Dixie paper plates 10", QTY approx 150

Dixie paper plates 6" QTY approx. 150

Starbucks cups, small, QTY approx 70

Plastic clear forks approx. 75

White napkins approx. 700

Aluminum foil most of a 90 sq. ft. roll
 Blue 14 oz. cups approx. 50
 Yellow EARS sign (large)
 Steak seasoning most of 29 oz bottle
 Clear plastic cups approx. 60

c. Treasurer's Report (Teri W6TRB):

(By email)

Check written:

1305 HRO \$1,457.95 repeater

1306 M. Hightower \$500.00 reimbursement for 2nd repeater

Balances:

Checking \$686.43

Savings: \$5,508.84

Budget: Items left

November Insurance (Equipment) 116.00 change to Jan 2015

December SA Donation 250.00

Christmas party expenses (Food) 450.00

Christmas party expenses (Presents) 100.00 spent: \$71.50 Balance:

\$28.50

Profit & Loss to date:

	Jan 1 - Nov 19, 14
Income	
Auction Income	1,978.00
Donation	503.50
Dues 2014	775.50
Dues 2015	90.00
Dues 2016	15.00
Interest Inc	5.67
Life Membership	600.00
Opportunity Drawings	737.00
Other Inc	129.50
Total Income	4,834.17
Expense	
Auction Payout	592.00
Bank Charge	-16.35
Equipment	406.78
Field Day Expenses	
Field Day Food	357.02
Total Field Day Expenses	357.02
Go Daddy.Com	61.35
Insurance	200.00

Misc	7.55
Misc Fees	18.65
Oportunity Drawing Expense	371.52
PayPal Fees	17.37
Picnic Expenses	274.95
PO BOX	128.00
Printing	91.80
Xmas Party	
Xmas Present	71.50
Total Xmas Party	71.50
Yaesu DR-1x Repeater	1,957.95
Total Expense	4,540.09
Net Income	294.08

- The equipment insurance has been paid (\$115). A check for \$450.00 has been given to Lynne Belstner for the Christmas party (donations to be collected at the party as reimbursement).
- Marvin is owed \$617.55 for the 2m diplexer, connectors and bracket welding for the two meter repeater and antenna. Moved by John N6EP, seconded by Jo KB6NMK, to pay these items. Passed unanimously.
- Teri noted the club has a debit Mastercard from our bank account.
- Teri feels we should have two signatures on our checking account.

d. Technical Committee Report (Jeff AE6GM):

- The 220 repeater is running temporarily at Jeff's house – we are still looking for a new permanent site.
- Arcom is still working with Yaesu to interface to the DR-1X.
- Bud AE6BH has cabinet parts we may be able to use at the repeater site.
- Harry W6YOO has indicated he would like to be replaced as the club call trustee. Moved by Jo KB6NMK, seconded by Mike KF6SJ, to appoint Matt Tucker, N6EAJ as the new trustee. Motion passed unanimously.

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

(By email)

I have 27 hams signed up for the Christmas parade, not counting me. EPD has requested 25 hams for covering intersections, etc. I think that number is too high -- for example, there are

intersections with two EPD officers and two hams. I meet with EPD next Tuesday to discuss. It'll probably be more like 20 hams.

In addition there will be hams requested by the Jaycees to help out at registration (1), in the staging area (5), and shadow (2), call it 8 hams.

I'm going to send out a confirmation email this week to the signed-up hams, and make some phone calls to volunteers of past parades. But we're in good shape.

- There was a discussion of the EARS entry in the Escondido Christmas Parade.

f. Membership Report (Steve W6TAN):

No report.

g. Newsletter Editor's Report:

- Rob KI6SBL expressed an interest in doing the Newsletter now that Steve W6TAN is no longer able. Rob was appointed by Mike KF6SJ to the position.

h. SANDARC Report (Mike KF6SJ):

- Mike attended the regular SANDARC meeting on October 30th. The ARRL Southwest Division Convention netted \$2,800 profit which is less than other years. The turnout was about 25% less than the 2010 convention. Only 36 of the 40 booths were sold.
- Matt N6EAJ represented the club as an alternate delegate at a special meeting last Saturday. The purpose of this meeting was to vote on by-law changes.

i. Webmaster Report:

No report.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- At the November general meeting of the Club, these individuals were elected unanimously for 2015:

Michael Hightower – President – KF6SJ
John Belstner – Vice President – W9EN
Matt Tucker – Secretary – N6EAJ
John McNelly - Emergency Services Coordinator – AF6UA
Jo Ashley – OAL – KB6NMK
Dirk Reschly – OAL – W6MJM
Roger Gagos – OAL – K6EQ
Bud Henessey – OAL – AE6BH
Zac Petersen – OAL – KJ6MLT

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, was nominated from the floor for the position of Treasurer and ran against John Musselman, N6EP. Rob KI6SBL was elected by secret ballot.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- There was discussion of future work needed on the 2m antenna. We will make a planning trip to Hubbard Hill first.
- Motion by John AF6UA, second by Dirk N6SUN, to have Mike Hightower and Robert Kitson as signers on the Club checking account (either/or). Motion passed unanimously.
- Mike KF6SJ will make sure to sign up for use of the meeting room in 2015.
- Motion by John N6EP, second by Jo KB6NMK, to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army and thank them for the use of their facilities. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Jo KB6NMK, second by John N6EP, to spend up to \$100 for a plaque for Harry Hodges, W6YOO, to be given to him at the Christmas party as a token of appreciation for his service over the years. Bud AE6BH will arrange.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, December 18, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by John Mussleman, N6EP, Secretary.