



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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An **ARRL** Affiliated Club



EARS Board Meeting Minutes

October 16th, 2014

Board Members Present:

Michael Hightower – President – KF6SJ
John Musselman – Secretary – N6EP
Teri Bloom – Treasurer – W6TRB
John McNelly - Emergency Services Coordinator – AF6UA
Jo Ashley – OAL – KB6NMK
Marvin Munster – Guest – W6MJM
Roger Gagos – Guest – K6EQ
Zac Petersen – OAL – KJ6MLT
Bud Henessey – OAL – AE6BH

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Club President, Mike KF6SJ
2. John AF6UA moved to accept the minutes from the September Board Meeting. Jo KB6NMK seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- a. President's Report (Mike KF6SJ):
 - Mike thanked everyone for attending.
- b. Vice-President's Report (Matt N6EAJ):

(By email)

Past presentation:

I would like to thank Roger Gagos K6EQ for presenting and demonstrating several digital modes for our October 2014 report.

Upcoming presentations:

The EARS Thursday November 13th monthly meeting will feature Gordon Shackelford, AE6QW. His subject will be "Ultra High Performance HF Receivers: \$1K to \$18K Really?" Mike KF6SJ saw this presentation at the ARRL SW convention and really liked it so we asked Gordon to present this at our EARS meeting. Can you get top notch receiver performance for \$1000? Come find out.

Overview: Today we are seeing an interesting variety of HF Receiver Architectures vie for the highest performance under difficult receiving conditions. Over the years, Sherwood Engineering has tested and rated six pages of mostly receiver sections of HF transceivers. This talk discusses the best of these test results, the Page 1 Receivers. Performance at this level is not really related to cost, with top rated receivers ranging in cost from \$1K to \$18K.

Other:

I will be out of town for the October EARS board meeting, but I would like to give my unofficial vote that we spend \$500 to replace the 70cm repeater with the special priced Yaesu DR-1X that is being offered to ham clubs.

I contacted Roger Hicks (long time EARS member and Escondido city employee) to see if he has any leads for us about getting internet to the repeaters on Hubbard Hill. He did not have any suggestions.

c. Treasurer's Report (Teri W6TRB):

(By email)

Time to start collecting memberships for 2015...

Checking balance: \$1,186.43

Savings balance: \$5,508.51

Total: \$6,694.94

Checks written:

Yaesu DR-1X Repeater: \$1,457.95

Deposit: \$133.00 Opportunity drawing

Opportunity drawing results:

Powerwerks radio: cost \$293.72

Drawing income: \$442.00

Profit: \$148.28 !!

Total 2014 profit: \$232.48 to date

Left in Budget:

Equipment insurance: \$116 (need to add the DR-1X or 2)

Xmas Party \$450.00

Xmas gifts: \$28.50

YTD Income statement

Jan 1 - Oct 16, 14

Income

Auction Income	1,978.00
Donation	503.50
Dues 2014	775.50
Dues 2015	90.00
Dues 2016	15.00
Interest Inc	5.34
Life Membership	600.00

Opportunity Drawings	737.00
Other Inc	129.50

Total Income 4,833.84

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	
Opportunity 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		1,457.95

Total Expense 4,040.09

Net Income 793.75

Need ideas for November's opportunity drawing...?

One suggestion: two books:

Get on the Air with HF Digital published 01/2012 \$20.66

Software Defined Radio published 02/2012 \$17.96

+ tax, no shipping from Amazon Prime = \$41.71

Let me know other ideas

- The opportunity drawing was discussed.

d. Technical Committee Report (Marvin M6MJM and Roger K6EQ):

- We are starting to work on the 2m antenna.
- There was a discussion of moving Echolink to a new location to get it running again.

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

- John is still trying to get information on the Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday December 13. We have about 25 volunteers from EARS so far.

f. Membership Report (Steve W6TAN):

No report – on vacation.

g. Newsletter Editor's Report:

No report – on vacation.

h. SANDARC Report (Mike KF6SJ):

- The next SANDARC meeting is 2 weeks from tonight.

i. Webmaster Report:

No report – on vacation.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- The nominating committee headed by John N6EP proposes the following slate of officers for 2015:

Michael Hightower – President – KF6SJ
John Belstner – Vice President – W9EN
Matt Tucker – Secretary – N6EAJ
John Musselman – Treasurer – N6EP
John McNelly - Emergency Services Coordinator – AF6UA
Jo Ashley – OAL – KB6NMK
Dirk Reschly – OAL – N6SUN
Roger Gagos – OAL – K6EQ
Bud Henessey – OAL – AE6BH
Zac Petersen – OAL – KJ6MLT

4. NEW BUSINESS

- There was discussion of purchasing a 2nd DR-1X for 440. Motion by John AF6UA, second by Jo KB6NMK to purchase the DR-1X. Motion passed unanimously.
- Getting internet at Hubbard Hill was discussed. John AF6UA will try begging AT&T to install a connection.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by John Musselman, N6EP, Secretary.