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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2015

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Mike KF6SJ.

Present:

Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, President

Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Secretary

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, Treasurer

John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator

Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large

Roger Gagos, K6EQ, Officer at Large

Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, Past President

II. Approval of Minutes

The July minutes were approved (John 1st, Jo 2nd, one abstention).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - Mike KF6SJ

Thanks to Matt, Rob, Vivian, Jo, John AF6UA, and Jeff for helping with our annual club picnic. The weather was pleasant and I hope all had a good time. Jeff did another antenna class this year where we built 2 meter verticals.

b. Program Director's Report – John W9EN

Here are the scheduled programs for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year.

10-Sep CA DOT Emergency Response Guide Jeff Murdock, AE6GM

8-Oct Cellular Technology Evolution Andreas Falkenberg, AI6HD

12-Nov RFID Techniques and Applications Adam Blair

12-Dec Christmas Party QTH of John, W9EN

Our September topic will be presented by our very own Jeff Murdock, AE6GM.

Every wonder what the 4 digit number on the side of a tanker truck means? The Emergency Response Guide is used by First Responders to identify hazardous materials and how to deal with those materials. The guide contains information on toxicity, first aid, evacuation distances, cleanup and much more. It also includes information about

blast radius for different types of explosives. While this is not a lesson on how to deal with hazardous materials, it is a lesson on how to make individuals aware of potential

hazardous materials and how to locate the information on how far to evacuate from such materials. A free pdf version of the Emergency Response Guide at:

http://phmsa.dot.gov/pv_obj_cache/pv_obj_id_7410989F4294AE44A2EBF6A80ADB640BCA8E4200/filename/ERG2012.pdf

c. Treasurer's Report – Robert KI6SBL

No change in July

d. Technical Committee:

The proposed date to install the new 2m antenna on Hubbard hill is still August 29th. Jeff contacted the owner of the Cox tower on Mount Whitney/Coronado Hills about putting the 220MHz repeater on their site. He will fill out the application and see how much they charge.

Roger asked about getting connectors for the hard line coax we plan to use on Hubbard hill. He will call Marvin and ask about options.

e. Secretary's report - Matt N6EAJ

The July Minutes were sent out on July 21st.

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

John is signing people up to work the Grape Day parade on September 12th. The parade is the same day as the ARRL SW convention.

g. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Nothing submitted.

The board voted on a new EARS lifetime application for Toby Ashley KK6VBJ. The application was approved with John 1st, Roger 2nd, and Grandma Jo abstaining.

h. Newsletter Editor's Report – Rob KI6SBL

Rob was unable to complete the July All EARS newsletter. He asked if we might want to skip the July issue of future All EARS since it is right after field day and most people that write articles are involved with Field day.

i. SANDARC Report – Matt N6EAJ

Robert and I went to the SANDARC meeting on 7/30/2015. A brief description of what was discussed is below.

- The possibility of a scholarship fund was discussed.
- Information about the LARC (Lakeside Amateur Radio Club) hamfest was given and the clubs were asked to spread the word. I posted the LARC flyer on the EARS Facebook page.
- We voted on several bylaw amendments that were suggested by representatives from the PARC club. After the first few did not pass, the PARC reps withdrew the remaining amendments.
- A luncheon for active VEs was suggested. We voted to spend up to \$500 for it. We spent a long time discussing if the bylaws let us use SANDARC money for this and who needed to approve it.
- Ham volunteers for the Miramar Air shop are needed.
- The Scouts will be having the on-air Jamboree.
- A representative from the Ramona Outback Amateur Radio Society (ROARS) pointed out that SANDARC meetings have become less about ham radio and more about arguing about bylaws. He received loud applause.
- There is a Midway event for Scouts on August 22nd 2015. Available hams on the air could help make contacts.
- The SW convention starts September 11th 2015 in Torrance CA.
- The Sizzler Malibu chicken was delicious.

j. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Nothing submitted.

IV. Old Business

Any old business was discussed in other sections of the minutes.

V. New Business

A nominating committee is needed to start recruiting EARS officers and board members for 2016. Roger, Jo, and Robert agreed to be on the nominating committee.

VI. Adjournment

Mike KF6SJ adjourned the meeting at 6:59PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, September 17th, 2015 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.