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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08PM by John Musselman N6EP

Present:

John Musselman, N6EP, President
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Past President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Secretary
Bill Spencer, K6BLL, Treasurer
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Tom Stanford, K7YMG, Officer at Large
Roger Gagos, K6EQ, Officer at Large
Bud Hennessy, AE6BH, Officer at Large

II. Approval of Minutes

The March 2016 board minutes were approved (John AF6UA 1st, Bill 2nd, one abstention).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

- a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP
Everything is going well.
- b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV

Submitted via e-mail.

For the VP Report the May and June Presenters are as stated in the last issue of All EARS, and both have confirmed. July is still open.

For FD all is pretty much as stated in the "google doc"

The only new thing to Add is I was forwarded a EMail via Roger Hicks from the Superintendent for Lake Dixon. He is now aware of our Generator issue. I am to send him a EMail 2 weeks before FD, he said he will respond with a EMail which will serve as our "Generator Permit" for now and future Field Days.

c. Treasurer's Report – Bill Spencer K6BLL

Bill reported that we are doing well financially and he is preparing for the auction. We discussed the opportunity drawing. The next meeting will have the watch from Steve KI6SBQ (SK). What about a big item? Several items were suggested. Those included a SDRPlay receiver, APRS kit, and a transceiver kit. We decided to go with the SDRPlay. Mike will have a few small items for the monthly drawings. John AF6UA suggested an EARS baseball hat for a future monthly opportunity drawing.

d. Technical Committee:

John AF6UA found a place that will charge \$300 for a half day rental of a man lift (regarding putting up a different 2m antenna at the EARS repeater site). That is too much and we will likely need it a full day.

e. Secretary's report - Matt N6EAJ

March 2016 board minutes were submitted via e-mail 3/21/2016 (version X1) and 4/21/2016 (version X2)

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

There was nothing going on this month that was bad. There will be some hospital drills coming up. Palomar hospital in Escondido doesn't use hams.

g. Membership Report/Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Nothing submitted

h. SANDARC Report

The next SANDARC meeting is Thursday April 28th 2016.

IV. Old Business

Field Day: Bud had inspected the EARS tower trailer and submitted the following via e-mail. 1) I was in the neighborhood of the Rolf's on Sunday so I stopped by and visited the tower trailer it and photographed the winches, cables, etc to document its condition for discussion at the board meeting. I think the tower lift winch is probably fine, very rusty, but fine... it's a good Dutton Lainson automatic braking winch. The tower tilt winch is the dangerous one that should be replaced. Cables are probably fine as is. The minimal welding I remembered as being needed is really minimal and can safely be ignored in my opinion. So it's really just a matter of replacing one bolt on winch... easy.

2) I saw that John was tasked with building a 40/80 dipole... We had one (or maybe it's a 20/40) for the last several years that's worked well for the GOTA station. Not sure what's become of it.

3) GOTA certificate, I made the one attached for the last two field days and printed a bunch at work. Might save you some effort...

John N6EP suggests we have a FD meeting this month (April) and not wait until May to have a FD meeting.

Auction: What time should we arrive? 8AM is good. Dirk let Mike know that there will be refreshments at the auction from the church. It will likely be donation based for the refreshments. Roger reports that the auctioneer is ready to go. The minister's wife will be at the church at 8:15AM with refreshments. We will get there at 8AM with the hope of getting in before 8:15AM to setup.

Roger let us know that the EARS owned FT60 is still on loan to someone and that person will be buying a new radio and returning the loaner.

Weekly e-mail: The first EARS weekly e-mail went out from Mike. Mike will also do the 2nd weekly e-mail and will include VE testing and operating day information.

Web page: Jo suggests that since we are no longer publishing a newsletter (that contains boiler plate EARS info), that we check the web page to make sure the standard information is correct.

V. New Business

Meeting topics: We discussed possible meeting topics. We need a presentation for July, but are set for May and June. Tom has a presentation idea that he will talk to Nick about.

J. Goldberg AF6GM is holding ham radio classes (April 30th 2016 in Kerny Mesa, June 4th 2016 in Escondido).

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 7:03PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, May 19th, 2016 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.