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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2016

I. Call to Order

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

Present:

John Musselman, N6EP, President
Nick Uran, KK6TV, Vice President
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Past President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Secretary
Bill Spencer, K6BLL, Treasurer
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Roger Gagos, K6EQ, Officer at Large
Tom Stanford, K7YMG, Officer at Large
Bud Hennessy, AE6BH, Officer at Large

II. Approval of Minutes

The January 2016 minutes were approved (John McNelly 1st, Roger 2nd, one abstention).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP

We are in need of a Field Day captain for 2016.

We also need to find a new newsletter editor. We discussed if we should keep doing the newsletter or rely on Facebook and e-mails to get information out to club members. If we don't get a volunteer, we may ask Rob to be editor until he wants to stop doing them. Matt will e-mail the EARS group to ask for volunteers for a new newsletter editor.

b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV

Upcoming programs: John N6EP will put together some ham radio related questions for quiz night (the March meeting). Mike has been saving some questions from the ARRL and he will pass those along.

The May meeting will be about t-hunting.
November will be a presentation about contesting.

c. Treasurer's Report – Bill Spencer K6BLL

Submitted via e-mail 2/13/2016

Activities since the last board meeting:

Emailed 46 club members who had not yet paid 2016 dues. Received 2 payments via PayPal right away, 4 mailed-in dues.

On a fishing expedition, emailed 39 club members who had paid 2014 dues but not 2016. A couple of these members have paid dues for 2016.

One application for Family Life membership, \$188, Ted Spriggs N2ERT and Catherine Boiko KK6NTD. The board needs to vote to approve, which I assume it will since I have deposited the check.

New members received complimentary membership for 2016 as a result of passing club sponsored licensing exams (if you hear them on the air be sure to welcome them to the club):

KM6AFL Jeffrey Cranney (tech and general)

KM6AFM Robert Kard (tech and general) He attended the February general meeting.

KM6AFN Casey Wickenhagen (tech and general)

KM6AFP Billy Fields (tech)

KM6AFQ Samuel McCuskey III (tech)

I looked into a PayPal business account, but Mike has updated information.

Raffle of the Arduino board on 2/11/16 took in \$106. Cost of board: \$21.73. Profit on the February raffle: \$84.27. Cost of drone: \$119.99. We need only a profit of \$35.72 on the next monthly raffle to pay for the drone, so the board might want to decide that the drawing for the drone will be at the April meeting.

Question: Does the board plan another series of drawings for future meetings?

Money: We received another \$56 in donations as a result of Tom N6TFL sale of estate ham equipment. Has the board expressed its thanks to Tom for his efforts on this?

So far in February we've taken in \$342 in memberships: 2 new members, 12 annual renewals, 1 family annual renewal and 1 family life membership.

So far this year the club has taken in \$904 in memberships and donations. Expenses are \$285.72 for raffle items and liability insurance, for the net gain of \$618.28 for the year to date.

This takes our current checking account balance to \$2,921 (when the PayPal payments are transferred over). The savings account remains at \$4,511, and the total is \$7,433.

New business

Created a sample questionnaire designed to elicit user experience and preferences regarding the Sunday night net, a draft of which is attached in PDF format. If the board wishes to proceed, perhaps Steve could put the questionnaire up on the web site and then

an email could be sent to all members asking them to participate. Bill would collect the completed questionnaires, enter the data in Excel and provide the board with the results of the survey. One might expect the fact of the email and survey alone to generate some increased interest in the Sunday night net.

Submitted 2/16/2016

Corrected totals:

Taking into account drawing receipts of \$106 and P.O. box expense of \$65, So far this year the club has taken in \$1,320 from all sources. Expenses are \$350.72 , for a net gain of \$959.28 for the year to date.

This takes our current checking account balance to \$2,962 (when the PayPal payments are transferred over). The savings account remains at \$4,511, and the total is \$7,474.

At meeting:

Mike told us there is some money in the EARS Paypal account. He will transfer that to the EARS bank account.

We discussed the options for removing Teri from the Paypal account since she is no longer treasurer and living out of state.

d. Technical Committee:

There is no formal committee.

John AF6UA will look for donations of a lift so we can put the 2m antenna up at the repeater site.

e. Secretary's report - Matt N6EAJ

Submitted via e-mail 2/17/2016

January board minutes were sent out on January 28th 2016

The completed SANDARC survey was sent to Mark Williams of SANDARC 2/16/2016. SANDARC asked all the SD clubs to survey their members about the SD SW division conference. The survey was completed at the February general EARS meeting.

SANDARC notes from the 1/28/2016 meeting.

The ham tests administered by the SD VEs are going to be \$10 per session starting in February 2016. There was a very long discussion about approving the VEC budget that Greg N6NYX proposed. There was room for interpretation on the definition of an expense and on what rules SANDARC needs to follow VS guidelines that didn't have to be strictly followed. We felt the proposal by Greg was a reasonable solution to the VEC budget and the deficit from last year. EARS voted yes on passing the proposed VEC budget. It passed 13 yes and 4 no.

The questionnaire about the SD SW division conference was discussed (see survey information above).

The Malibu chicken was good as always although the steak was a bit tough. Mike KF6SJ seemed to enjoy the salad bar.

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

John McNelly attended the last ARES meeting.

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

Submitted via e-mail:

The EARS website has been updated with the recent changes requested (program schedule, Twitter button etc.)

I will need details of March's presentation at some point.

As far as membership is concerned - here's the current levels:

Current paid membership: 42

Current life membership: 68

Current total membership: 110

Current ARRL membership: 79

ARRL affiliation is: 72%

As Bill has been sending out membership dues reminder e-mails - there's probably no need to hit the 'big red button' this year :-)

h. Newsletter Editor's Report – Rob KI6SBL

Submitted via e-mail

The deadline for the March All EARS issue is Wednesday, February 24, 2015.

i. SANDARC Report

SANDARC information was discussed in the secretary's report section.

IV. Old Business

Budget:

John N6EP passed out a budget sheet. See the end of this document for an image of the sheet.

The proposed budget was passed (Jo 1st, John AF6UA 2nd, unanimous)
Field Day: Bud will ask a friend about fixing up the EARS tower trailer (welding and strengthening).
Auction: The auction will be on 4/23/2016 at the First United Methodist church in Escondido. Dirk has confirmed with the church on the date.
Mike will call Zac KJ6MLT about using Zac's software/spreadsheet at the auction.
Roger will ask Bob AK6R about being the auctioneer.
Matt will change the auction flyer and post it at HRO
We talked about possibly moving the time of the auction. After some discussion we decided to make the start time of the auction 9:30AM.

V. New Business

Bill thought it would be good to survey the club about preferences for the Sunday evening net. Bill will survey the group via Survey Monkey.

It was suggested that we might get rid of some of the excess radio equipment that EARS owns. After some discussion, we decided one of the Kenwood HF radios was the most likely piece of equipment to sell. Both Kenwood HF radios will go to Mike for checkout.

Bill asked if anyone has thanked Tom N6TFL for taking care of the equipment that came from Steve KI6SBQ. John N6EP will call Tom and thank him.
Steve KI6SBQ had a Garmin GPS that looks like new. It could be made an opportunity drawing item or be sold at the EARS auction. John N6EP recommends selling at the auction since it has been taken out of the box and is not brand new.

The opportunity drawing quad copter may have enough sold tickets to let it go in March. If not, it would most likely go in May. Mike will buy the March monthly drawing item.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 7:52PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, March 17th, 2016 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.

EARS Actual Expenditures 2015 vs. 2014 Budget		
	John's	
Expense Item	2014 Budget	2015 Actual
Auction		584.00
Field Day	350.00	425.31
Picnic	250.00	189.79
P.O. Box	130.00	86.00
Insurance (Liability)	200.00	229.00
Insurance (Equipment)	116.00	144.00
Salvation Army Donation	250.00	50.00
Christmas Party (Food)	450.00	450.00
Christmas Party (Presents)	100.00	0.00
Misc. Expenses	50.00	0.00
Raffle		358.79
Federal Express (Mike reimburse)		48.98
Website Renewal		143.76
Elizabeth Hospice Donation		50.00
Totals	1,896.00	2,759.63

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for 2016

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