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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM 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
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, Officer at Large

II. Approval of Minutes

The November 2015 minutes were approved (John McNelly 1st, Roger 2nd, one abstention).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP

John asked for volunteers to attend the SANDARC meeting. Nick and Matt volunteered to be the primary SANDARC representatives from EARS. Mike volunteered to be the alternate representative. John Musselman will send letters to SANDARC letting them know the above mentioned people are EARS SANDARC representatives.

b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV

We had a good turnout for the January EARS meeting. The February meeting will be show and tell.

We discussed possible people/topics for future meetings. Tom could talk about his Arduino based Morse code project. Tom will check to see what dates he is available.

Mike will bring in his Raspberry Pi shield radio for the February show and tell meeting. Another suggestion was quiz night.

c. Treasurer's Report – Bill Spencer K6BLL

Submitted via e-mail

1. I do have quite a bit of information to convey, and I apologize for that. Hopefully in the future I won't have so much ground to cover. I'm sure many of you are wondering who is this guy, so I feel I need to inform the board of the current finances and how I'll keep track of them, and I have some issues that I would like to have addressed, not necessarily at this meeting, but in the future:
2. Here's how I am handling the treasury function: Summary financials are kept in Excel data sheets. The summary sheet I am handing around now shows \$816 in income for January so far, and expenses of \$144. The expense was for radio equipment insurance. This was the bill approved for payment at the November board meeting, and Rob let me know a check needed to go out. It was due by January 7, so I got it in the mail as soon as I had access to the checking account on January 3. I've received the insurance policy for 2015 from Mercer. If anyone else would like to read it, let me know. I noticed on the schedule of equipment the Yaesu 2 meter repeater is being carried at a replacement cost of \$1,458, but the 70 cm repeater shows a replacement cost of \$500.
3. As you can see, the current balances are \$2,665.47 in the checking account and \$4,511.59 in the savings account, so EARS finances are in good shape.
4. The sheet I am handing around now shows all of the checking account transactions that took place during calendar 2015. As you can see at the bottom, the starting balance was \$1,691 and the ending balance was \$1,993, so the organization showed a gain of about \$300 for the year.
5. For 2016, I will be keeping track of our funds on a series of Excel sheets, and I am passing around the sheets for January so far, showing income detail, expense detail and membership detail. Everything from these sheets gets summarized on the "Summary" sheet showing the balances of the checking and savings accounts. The income sheet shows \$40 in raffle funds, which is two \$20 bills that Rob missed when he deposited the raffle money from last year. Mike provided the \$270, which he collected for the Christmas party. On the membership sheet, so far in January we've collected \$154 in annual dues, and \$300 for two life memberships, from Mike Hightower and myself, which I believe the board needs to approve. Let me know if you have any questions on any of these items or others.
6. Renewal mailing or emailing for dues: I have received "2016" dues payments from members which the database shows have already paid through 2016 and/or multiple years ahead, in one case a life member. In some cases, I believe that the updating of the membership database might have missed here

or there. So I would like to know: Who does the renewal mailing or emailing

for dues, and how has he or she determined who to mail to? I would like to have the opportunity to do this next December, so that only the people who actually should pay dues for 2017 receive requests to do so. In other words, we should not mail requests for dues for 2017 to life members or to those who have already paid dues through 2017. It would be a courtesy to remind those members who do not owe dues for 2017 that they do not owe them.

7. Closely related to this is the question concerning follow-up to those who will not have paid their dues for 2016 by the end of January. In the past, has any effort been made to follow up with these individuals, and would the board want me to do this in February or wait until March, either by email or by snail mail?

8. Once again, I'm sorry to take so much time and hopefully my report can be much shorter at future board meetings.

9. Are there any questions?

From meeting:

We went over the information that was sent in via e-mail.

The insurance on the 70cm repeater currently has a replacement value of \$500 and it will cost more than that to replace it. At the end of the year, we may want to increase the replacement value.

Bill has received payment for life memberships from Mike KF6SJ and Bill K6BLL. The board voted on the applications. John McNelly 1st, Jo 2nd, all approved. Mike and Bill are now EARS life members.

d. Technical Committee:

There is no formal committee. We briefly talked about the 220MHz EARS repeater. It is at Jeff Murdock's home.

Roger will look into a contact for a manlift so the EARS 2m antenna can be replaced.

John McNelly will call places that rent manlifts and see what they go for.

e. Secretary's report - Matt N6EAJ

The November 2015 minutes were sent out on 12/2/2015

27 people attended the January 2016 EARS meeting.

We don't have a lot of the yellow EARS pamphlets left. Jo and another board member said they had small stacks of them. We probably don't need to order more now.

Matt sent out an updated list of EARS equipment that is stored at his work. The list included the equipment that came from Steve KI6SBQ (SK).

Matt will look for the last couple years of board meeting minutes and give them to Steve so he can put them on the EARS web page.

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

John McNelly went to the ARES meeting. There are 10,500 hams in our section. The next ARES meeting will be a MESH networking workshop.

RACES is adopting a new name (ACS Auxiliary Communications Service)

g. Membership Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Submitted via e-mail:

There has been a couple of the members who have not been receiving general EARS e-mails (Mike Hightower & Fred McDavitt). Their e-mail addresses were correct in the EARS database, and the e-mail headers were all constructed correctly in the e-mail program.

I have no idea as to why they haven't been receiving EARS general e-mails other than their ISP / e-mail host is blocking e-mails from earsmail@earsclub.org. It might be worth creating a new temporary e-mail account with a different ISP (e.g. hotmail or outlook) to see if this make any difference. If you do, you will have to update your e-mail address in the EARS database...

Jeff Murdock had a similar issue some months back, but that has since resolved itself (with no changes from me).

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

Current paid membership: 25

Current life membership: 66

Current total membership: 91

Current ARRL membership: 67

ARRL affiliation is: 74%

I guess that no reminders have been sent out yet regarding membership renewals...

h. Newsletter Editor's Report – Rob KI6SBL

The deadline for the February All EARS issue is Wednesday, January 27, 2015.

i. SANDARC Report

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

- j. Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN

Submitted via e-mail:

The EARS website is up-to-date for 2016 as far as it can be... I will need some details of February's presentation at some point.

IV. Old Business

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

V. New Business

The meeting raffle was discussed. We want to continue the small raffle item that gets raffled at each standard meeting. Who will come before to sell tickets? We will rotate between people that come in before 6PM (for the locking door) and sells raffle tickets. Bill will do the February 2016 meeting.

We discussed the pricing structure. It was previously determined and it listed here again for convenience.

\$1.00 = 1 ticket

\$5.00 = 6 tickets

\$10.00 = 12 tickets

\$20.00 = 25 tickets

We discussed ideas for the next big raffle item. Matt will research a drone/quad copter with video that has a price close to \$100.

We discussed a date for the April EARS auction. Dirk will check with the First United Methodist Church (where the auction was held last year) to see what dates are available. The question of paying sales tax on the auction came up. Dirk will look into this more.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 7:14PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, February 18th, 2016 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.