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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM 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
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Bud Hennessy, AE6BH, Officer at Large

II. Approval of Minutes

The February 2016 board minutes were approved (Mike 1st, Bill 2nd, one abstention).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP

Field day: John worked on finding a Field Day chair for 2016. He was unable to find anyone to volunteer. Nick (at this meeting) volunteered to be Field Day chair.

All EARS: We were not able to find a replacement All Ears editor. We discussed the possibility of replacing All EARS with a weekly e-mail of club news and events. John will let Rob (KI6SBL) know and tell him he can stop the newsletter whenever he is ready. We will likely pass the e-mail duty between the club board members. Mike will start off with the first weekly e-mail.

b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV

The auction is April 23rd 2016

The May meeting will be about t-hunting. The June meeting will be about digital ham radio communications. Nick had some ideas for future club meetings that he wanted to

run past the board. One idea was about making an Arduino 3W CW transmitter a club project. The other idea was to have a meeting to help new hams. After some discussion we thought having multiple “stations” of different subjects would be beneficial. The stations would be run by experienced hams and the new hams could rotate through the stations based on their interest on the subject.

c. Treasurer’s Report – Bill Spencer K6BLL

Submitted via e-mail:

In advance of Thursday’s meeting, here’s the Treasurer Report.

Opportunity Drawings:

Total Cost of items:	\$168.71
Sale of tickets:	\$245.00
Profit on Drawings	\$76.29
% Profit on Total	31.14%
% Profit on Drone	63.6%

Membership: 3 renewals in March \$45

Income & Expenses Year to Date

Income	1,584.91
Expense	377.71
Profit YTD	\$1,207.20

Summary of Finances

Savings Account	\$4,511.59
Checking Account	\$3,200.67
Total	\$7,712.26

At the meeting:

Bill suggested that if a presenter comes from a long way to the EARS meeting we should pay for their dinner. The board agreed and said that has been done in the past.

We did well on the opportunity drawings.

The group discussed the watch that was given to the club by Steve KI6SBQ (SK) and decided it should be used as the next monthly item opportunity drawing.

Bill asked if we want to use the opportunity drawing to make money or encourage people to come. The board discussed and agreed we could back off the rule of thumb that we should make a 30% profit on the item before it goes up for the drawing. Bill suggested that selling tickets at the door might make some people feel obligated to buy tickets. The board agreed and we decided to sell tickets at the main meeting room. We discussed that generally we would like to make a profit on the opportunity drawing, but to encourage people to come we might want to give everyone that comes a complimentary ticket. Bud moved to give one opportunity drawing ticket to everyone that attends the regular EARS club meeting. Jo 2nd, it passed unanimously.

d. Technical Committee:

John AF6UA was going to look for donations of a man-lift. He is absent today.

e. Secretary's report - Matt N6EAJ

February 2016 board minutes were submitted via e-mail 3/2/2016

An auction flyer was updated and put up at HRO on 3/15/2016. The flyer was also posted on the EARS Facebook page.

An e-mail went out to the EARS group asking for volunteers to be the All EARS newsletter editor.

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

John was absent this meeting.

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

Submitted via e-mail:

The EARS website has been updated as necessary (April's program detail (Auction), and March's AllEARS).

Also a small bug was found when displaying your personal data - in that it would incorrectly show that you were a family member, when in fact you weren't. This has been corrected.

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

Current paid membership: 46

Current life membership: 68

Current total membership: 114

Current ARRL membership: 82

ARRL affiliation is: 72%

h. Newsletter Editor's Report – Rob KI6SBL

The March 2016 All EARS was sent out March 3rd.

i. SANDARC Report

The next SANDARC meeting is Thursday April 28th 2016.

IV. Old Business

Nick spent \$40 on gift cards for the February quiz night winning team and was looking to get reimbursed for the expense. Jo moved to reimburse Nick the \$40 he spent for the March 2016 quiz night meeting, Matt 2nd, it passed unanimously.

Auction: Mike contacted Zac (KJ6MLT) and confirmed Zac will have his data base together for the auction. Mike asked if we want to have coffee and doughnuts available at the auction. We discussed and we will ask the First United Methodist Church if they would like to provide food and drink as a fundraiser. If not, someone can pick up coffee and doughnuts before the auction.

AJ (KB6NML) will run the sound for the auction.

Bob AK6R previously confirmed he will be the auctioneer.

Zac will bring the computer and Mike will bring a laser printer.

Bill will get some more change for the Auction.

V. New Business

All new business was covered in other areas.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 7:18PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, April 21st, 2016 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.