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## **EARS Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 19, 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  
Tom Stanford, K7YMG, Officer at Large  
Roger Gagos, K6EQ, Officer at Large  
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large  
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, Officer at Large

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The April 2016 EARS board minutes were approved (Bill 1<sup>st</sup>, John AF6UA 2nd, one abstention).

### **III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports**

- a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP  
Things are going well. See other information from John later in the minutes.

- b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV

Submitted via e-mail.

The June Meeting features Dave Hull KC6N, a retired EE from the communications semiconductor business. Dave spent many years developing and manufacturing Radio front end Semiconductors for the Satellite and Cable TV industry -- the likes of DirecTV, EchoStar, Motorola (Now Arris) and Cisco. He is an expert in the Digital Voice communications modes. This presentation is sure to cover DMR, C4FM, System Fusion and more.

Our July meeting is still open...

August will be the annual picnic (Location, Date)  
I was thinking of considering a different location for a change?  
Maybe Deer Park Winery/Auto Museum (past Lawrance Welks or Orfila Winery  
(towards San Pasqual)? Just a suggestion!

September: (so far the consensus is for Being DX)

Marty Woll N6VI, current Vice Director ARRL SW Division and active in just about everything to do with Ham Radio, has agreed to be our guest speaker on September 8th. He has 2 presentations on DXpeditions (the topic I was seeking a speaker for).

Being DX - Tales of a Contest Expeditioner

This collection of anecdotes from nearly twenty contest operations outside the "lower 48" describes both the unique aspects and common threads of our expeditions. Non-hams also find this entertaining.

Prepare for the Worst - Overcoming Operating Challenges in The Gambia  
Our 2003 CW Worldwide DX Contest operation at C5Z presented numerous and formidable obstacles that required a team effort to surmount. This is a case study in "making it work - no matter what" with lessons that apply as well to emergency communications as they do to contesting.

October is Open

November will probably be Contesting 101 with Dennis N6KI

December Christmas Party...

At the meeting:

Nick asked if we would like to have the EARS annual picnic at a different location and suggested Deer Park Winery and Orfila Vineyards as possibilities. Nick will look into the cost on those locations.

c. Treasurer's Report – Bill Spencer K6BLL

Submitted via e-mail:

Current balance checking account: \$4,098.83\*

Current balance savings: \$4,512.33

Total: \$8,611.16

In addition to the memberships noted below, Stephen Alborn KE6PY also renewed his \$15 membership and

Tom Pryor added \$15 for the family membership in addition to the gratis membership of Nancy KM6CHG.

Auction results

The good news

Total sales were up by 55% over last year.

Donations were up by 93% over last year.

The club had total income from the auction of \$294 in donations, \$36 in sellers fees, and \$30 in membership renewals. Total net to the club during this event: \$360.

From my point of view, the other very positive result was how well the "back office" portion of the auction went. John took charge organizing things and ran the first trial process; Mike, Jo and Matt kept the paper flowing smoothly, and of course Zach and his software were central to making the auction happen. I recommend a letter of thanks go out to Zach.

The bad news

We had 23% fewer people attend this year's auction, down from 47 people to 36, but they brought and sold more stuff. This was attributable to just two members, John Kuivinen and Ben Pyfer. John and Ben brought two thirds of the items sold at the auction (33 of 50 items). Without their participation, the auction would have fallen flat.

The message for next year: More promotion and publicity to encourage more hams to bring more items for sale and to get more hams coming to the sale.

Other expenses for May 2016

SDR Play RSP our next big drawing item. Cost at HRO \$161.95.

Drawing for the Atomic Chronograph Wristwatch & SDRPlay

At the meeting 5/12 we took in \$81 on the drawing. We need to take in an additional \$80.50 to break even on

the drawing for the SDRPlay. In view of the potential popularity of next month's program on digital formats, this seems likely.

New Technicians with gratis EARS membership

Nancy Pryor KM6CHG

Cheri Crane KM6BMW

John Montalbano KM6AWO

Bob Janka KM6BMX

If you hear them on the air, say hello.

\*Includes \$80 in petty cash used to make change

At the meeting:

Bill reports that we will likely sell enough tickets to let the SDRPlay go during the June meeting. We reviewed our previous discussion about not necessarily using the opportunity drawing as a way to make money. Bill was told that he can run the drawing and use his discretion for deciding when drawing items should be released.

d. Technical Committee:

Jo e-mailed Roger about the possibility of using a city owned bucket truck to get the newest 2m antenna up at the EARS repeater site.

John N6EP will look for someone willing to lead the 2m antenna replacement.

- e. Secretary's report - Matt N6EAJ

The April 2016 board minutes were submitted via e-mail 5/5/2016

- f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

John went to a CERT refresher course

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

Nothing submitted

- h. SANDARC Report (submitted by Matt N6EAJ)

The SANDARC meeting occurred Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.

We held off approving the SANDARC minutes because corrections were needed.

A copy of the treasurer's report was passed out.

The 2016/2017 SANDARC budget had passed.

The SANDARC license exam fee was dropped (they no longer charge for testing). This will start with the Saturday VE testing in Escondido April 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Field Day:

John AF6UA will take care of the group food/water/sodas for field day.

John N6EP will make an 80/40 dipole for use at field day.

Matt created a three page field day flyer.

We will continue to have field day nets on the 2m repeater at 6:30PM on Tuesdays.

Weekly e-mails:

John N6EP will ask EARS members for feedback on the weekly e-mailing to see how they like it. Mike will continue sending out the weekly EARS e-mails.

#### **V. New Business**

Jo knows a ham radio operator who lost access to the 2m radio he used. She asked if we have a 2m mobile radio we can loan. There were no objections Matt will get the 2m radio (Icom IC-228H and power supply) to Jo. Matt will put the club call on the radio to identify it as EARS property.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 6:59PM.

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be 6PM, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.