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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM by John Musselman N6EP

Present:

John Musselman, N6EP, President
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Past President
Nick Uran, KK6TV, Vice President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Secretary
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, Officer at Large
Tom Stanford, K7YMG, Officer at Large
Roger Gagos, K6EQ, Officer at Large
Mike Bohanan, KM6MPB
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF

II. Approval of Minutes

The October 2016 EARS board minutes were approved (John AF6UA 1st, Jo 2nd, unanimous).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP

John reports that things are going well for EARS. The EARS Christmas party is coming up and we will discuss that tonight. The 2017 officer elections occurred last meeting and John would like the results listed in the meeting minutes for the record.

2017 EARS officers:

President, John Musselman, N6EP
Vice President, Nick Uran, KK6TV
Secretary, Matt Tucker, N6EAJ
Treasurer, Mike Bohanan, KM6MPB
Emergency Services Coordinator, John McNelly, AF6UA
Officers at large:
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK

Dirk Reschly, N6SUN
Bud Hennessy, AE6BH
Roger Gagos, K6EQ
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF

b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV

Nick took Andre out for dinner before the October meeting. The next meeting is in January and will be a show and tell. Nick would like to have a member's shack presentation and he will start advertising to get pictures from members. Nick would like to get someone to talk about CERT for an upcoming meeting.

c. Treasurer's Report – Bill Spencer K6BLL

Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

*Current balance checking account: \$2,839.85**

Current balance savings: \$4,513.45

Total: \$7,353.30

September, October and November Drawing Results

At the SEPTEMBER meeting we took in \$40 on the drawing for Hints & Kinks (thanks, Bud) and for the Rig

Expert Antennal Analyzer. Cost of the Antenna Analyzer was \$231.12.

Five members bought tickets in the drawing. One member bought \$20 in tickets, four others bought \$5 each.

There were about 23 membes at the meeting.

At the OCTOBER meeting we took in \$66. There werre about 17 membes at the meeting.

This leaves us

\$125.12 short of paying for the antenna analyzer.

At the NOVEMBER meeting we took in \$48. So the net proceeds from the drawing were \$154 for a lost of

\$77.12 on the drawing.

Membership

Memberships for 2017 are coming in, \$207 received so far, not counting PayPal receipts.

Other Expenses

Renewal of Mercer Consumer property insurance for equipment: \$144.00.

** Does not include \$30 in petty cash used to make change*

At meeting:

\$626 worth of expenses were submitted (including the cost of the Diamond antenna for the repeater site). Jo made a motion to approve the \$626. Roger 2nd. Unanimous.

d. Technical Committee:

The repeaters are still working.

- e. Secretary's report / Repeater trustee - Matt N6EAJ

Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

The October 2016 EARS board meeting minutes were submitted by E-mail on November 9th.

- f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

John is gearing up for the Escondido Christmas parade and has about 20 people already signed up. We need about 36 so we are looking good for making that. EARS will have an entry in the parade. If people have vehicles with antennas or would just like to be in the parade they can join the EARS parade entry.

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

Nothing submitted

- h. SANDARC

Submitted via e-mail by Matt N6EAJ (text in italics)

The SANDARC meeting took place on October 27th 2016. During the discussion on the youth scholarship proposal, I told SANDARC that EARS had looked into doing a scholarship. The money or frequency of the money required to do a scholarship right was more than we were willing to commit to. I told them EARS is open to contributing money to a SANDARCscholarship fund and that pooling money from the clubs may be a good way to create a ham radio related scholarship in San Diego. We went over the options for scholarships 1. Individual clubs. 2. Pool multiple clubs money together. 3. Do nothing. There is a secretary vacancy at SANDARC, but since new officers will be coming in soon they won't try to fill it. SANDARC reminded us that SANDARC representatives can register for SANDARC website access. EARS submitted a reply to the 2nd SANDARC questionnaire about the SW ham convention although after their desired response date. The summary from SANDARC was lots of people are interested in attending, but few want to be involved running it. They are going to table the issue until the new SANDARC officers are elected. Each club represented at SANDARC told the group about our club Christmas plans. The SANDARC election will occur in April.

IV. **Old Business**

John Belstner W9EN will take care of obtaining food and hosting the EARS Christmas party. John N6EP will check with John to see if Belstner can make a one day gate code or just send out the gate code to all members.

John N6EP went over to look at the equipment and identify it for the widow that had asked for assistance. The station is nice. The biggest value item is a HF amplifier.

V. New Business

John N6EP asked about club dues renewal and Paypal. He was told when someone pays via Paypal, an e-mail goes out to several EARS officers. About five people paid dues via Paypal so far.

Nick talked about the 2016 Field Day results.

Jo brought up that Treasurer Bill questioned if we are burning members out at each meeting with the opportunity drawing. We brought sales upstairs to try and be less aggressive and people seem to like having an opportunity drawing. N6EP will ask Bill about sales and his mention of it.

A friend of Roger (K6EQ) went SK (David K6QL) and Roger is helping with the estate. John N6EP suggests Mike put information in the weekly e-mail about equipment being for sale from the estates. Put John down as the contact and then he can field calls from people that are interested.

Dirk asked if we should get on the calendar at the First United Methodist Church in Escondido where we have been having the annual auction. The group said yes. He will look at booking for the 15th or the 29th.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 6:56PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, December 15th, 2016 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA. Be aware that we sometimes cancel the December board meeting if we don't have anything pressing to discuss.