



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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An **ARRL** Affiliated Club



EARS Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM by John Musselman N6EP

Present:

John Musselman, N6EP, President
Bill Spencer, K6BLL, Treasurer
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Past President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Secretary
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Bud Hennessy, AE6BH, Officer at Large
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

- a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP
Everything seems to be moving along well. There is a lot of stuff to talk about under new business
- b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV
Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)
The next SANDARC meeting is Thur Oct 27th. I will be out of town on that day so hopefully Mike can take my place if he wishes. I will also miss our next board meeting but will see you all at our next meeting on K1N. Our Nov meeting will feature Andre K6AH and will be on the Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network. And December, of course, is the Christmas Party.

- c. Treasurer's Report – Bill Spencer K6BLL
Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

*Current balance checking account: \$2,737.80**
Current balance savings: \$4,513.26
Total: \$7,251.06

Note: Bill will be absent from November 17 meeting
I am having cataract surgery on the 16th, so probably won't be driving at night on the 17th. I need provide someone else with drawing paraphenilia, etc. for the November meeting.

October and September 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.

Question: Are we burning out our members on drawings by asking them for money at every meeting?

Station License Renewal

I will bring the form from ARRL to the meeting. It requires two signatures in ink, one the station trustee (Matt).

No costs are involved. Renewal is due by November 15, 2016.

Other Expenses

Dinner expenses for guest speaker at September meeting Marty Woll, S.D. Section Manager David Kaltenborn & Mike Hightower \$39.74.

Work on antenna tower by Richard Gilman \$241.62.

Bud Hennessey, winch tower \$71.00

Picnic \$244.35

P.O. box 1 year rental \$130

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

At the meeting:

John N6EP suggests that we should let the antenna analyzer go during the November meeting.

d. Technical Committee:

We eventually would like to get a bracket on the EARS 70cm repeater antenna. It is attached near the top, but sways a lot near the bottom where it is not secured.

Mike would like to put an APRS digipeater up at the repeater site. We would need good bandpass filter for that at 146.390MHz.

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

The EARS FCC license was renewed and is good through 11/15/2026. A copy of the new license was put on the repeater cabinet on Hubbard Hill. The repeaters were updated to the latest Yaesu firmware and new remote disable codes were programmed in. Matt will send the new codes to John N6EP. Mike KF6SJ already has them.

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

The Miramar Airshow took place. There was an earthquake this morning.

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

Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

Main page updated with November's club meeting.

Program schedule updated with all programs for this year.

Approved board meeting minutes added for July & August (thanks Matt).

VEC page updated to remove Harry, W6YOO from contact list and auto e-mail (as requested by Jo, KB6NMK).

Remaining VEC dates updated in drop-down menu.

Current membership status:

Current paid membership: 68

Current life membership: 68

Current total membership: 136

Current ARRL membership: 89

ARRL affiliation is: 65%

It might be time to remind people to pay their membership dues for 2017, else they may not have access to the EARS website after December...

h. SANDARC

Nick is unable to go this month (October the 27th). Mike and Matt will go. SANDARC asked again about interest in having the SW division ARRL convention. Matt will submit feedback to them.

IV. **Old Business**

Officer election:

It was reported that Tom K7YMG wasn't sure he wanted to run for an officer at large position for 2017. If that is the case, then Vivian would like the position. Tom will be contacted.

V. New Business

Operating day:

Joe contacted John N6EP about the SD Frys operating day. Palomar is going to be at the San Marcos Frys and Jo says someone from Palomar invited us to join them there. We discussed if EARS is interested in going there and what would we do. Perhaps bring the tower trailer. November 6th 2016. We will leave open for now. Several board members are interested, but no one wanted to be the ring leader.

Dues:

We should start mentioning dues in our weekly e-mails so people know they are coming up.

Escondido Christmas Parade:

John AF6UA is on top of it. He hasn't been contacted yet, but he will stay with it.

EARS Christmas party:

John Belstner W9EN gave the OK to have the party at his house. John B. suggested taking a survey to see how many people plan on attending.

We could poll members, look at historical data, or sell tickets in advance. People would more likely come if they already paid for it. The party will be December 10th (same day as the parade). Last year it was \$10 per person. Mike will put info about the party in the weekly e-mail and ask people to respond if they think they are coming. We found information from last year and we took in \$270 so 27 people attended.

Jo said that someone was interested in buying a tower that is sitting on Harry's (W6YOO) property.

A lady contacted Jo about getting information about selling ham radio equipment that she knows nothing about. She can put the equipment on Ebay herself, but needs help identifying what things are.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 7:09PM.

VII. Next Meeting

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