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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by John Musselman N6EP

Present:

John Musselman, N6EP, President
Nick Uran, KK6TV, Vice President
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Past President
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Secretary
John McNelly, AF6UA, Emergency Services Coordinator
Tom Stanford, K7YMG, Officer at Large
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Bud Hennessy, AE6BH, Officer at Large
Marvin Munster, W6MJM, EARS member

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

- a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP
John commented that the August meeting presentation was good.
- b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV
Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)
I have no speaker scheduled for October. I am anxious, perhaps desperate for your suggestions, ideas.
November I am hoping to have a presentation on Contesting 101, I still need to confirm with our guest speaker.
Andre K6AH has said would a presentation on AREDN, Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network. Unfortunately (for us) he is doing a presentation at a symposium in Chile in October and will not be available till November.
December is the Christmas Party!

I would like to start trying to schedule speakers for next year, with the boards permission (since we do not know yet who the club officers will be). Starting off with another show and tell for January, possibly AREDN February. I still want to explore the New Ham Informal Presentation we have discussed, possibly March.

Dont forget CQP next Month and, I will be portable KH6 Oct 17th to 28th, to follow in Dirks footsteps.

At the meeting:

We discussed the possibility of showing a DX video for October 2016 meeting.

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

Treasurer Report September 2016

*Current balance checking account: \$2,955.84**

Current balance savings: \$4,513.08

Total: \$7,468.92

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.

Question: Are we burning out our members on drawings?

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:

Bill was unable to make the meeting tonight.

Jo made a motion to approve payment to Richard Gilman for an amount up to \$250 for work and supplies needed to get the EARS tower trailer in good working order. (Jo 1st, Tom 2nd, unanimous).

John AF6UA made a motion to approve payment to Bud AE6BH for the \$71 he spent on a new winch for the EARS trailer. There was a 2nd (unrecorded). It passed unanimously.

d. Technical Committee:

Marvin reported that he can get a lift from Home Depot that is towable and suggested that we get to the repeater site early in the morning to get things going and then later pick up the lift so we have it until 11AM the next day.

The plan is

October 1st 2016: Get the antenna and mast to the repeater site

October 8th 2016: Get the new 2m antenna up and move the 70cm antenna.

e. Secretary's report - Matt N6EAJ

EARS August 2016 board meeting minutes were submitted August 31st 2016 via e-mail.

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA

Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

Took trailer over to Rich Gilman KJ6NMY's house here in Escondido. He went over the whole trailer looking for safety issues, and repaired them all.

This includes (not limited to):

- new trailer jack (old one was so broken I had to use cribbing to raise trailer onto my Jeep hitch)*
- installed new winch (old one injured at least one person in the past)*
- fixing broken welds*
- fixing hinges with pieces missing*
- new wiring for trailer lights*

He also graciously agreed to store the trailer on his property, which is:

- much closer than previous location*
- behind a locked gate*
- no chance of anyone starting a wildfire while retrieving trailer*

So, yay. He submitted a receipt for reimbursement for the hardware and consumables for the welding.

The total is \$241, which I hope the board will approve.

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

Nothing submitted

h. **SANDARC**

The next SANDARC meeting is October 27th 2016.

We briefly discussed the e-mail from Joe Acevedo about the SANDARC convention (wanting us to poll our club members).

IV. Old Business

Tower trailer expenses were covered in the Treasurer section.

V. New Business

A nominating committee was needed to help with nominating people for 2017 EARS board. Mike and Bud volunteered to be on the nominating committee and will bring a list of people to the next EARS meeting. President John N6EP appointed Mike and Bud to the nominating committee. Mike will put an announcement for volunteers in the next weekly EARS e-mail. Vivian W6NWF and Rob KI6SBL e-mailed one of the board members expressing an interest in being an officer at large for 2017.

We discussed that EARS would like to send a card/flowers/similar to Fred W6PBR on the occasion of his wife passing.

Bud made a motion to send a card/flowers to Fred W6PBR (or donation in the name of Fred's wife). Mike 2nd. It passed unanimously. The amount will be determined by the treasurer.

Jo is working with Greg at SANDARC about getting a plaque for Harry W6YOO for his years of volunteer exam service. There was mention of presenting the plaque to Harry at the SANDARC meeting, but since Harry doesn't normally go to the SANDARC meeting we asked if it would make sense to have SANDARC present it to Harry at the EARS meeting so it could be a surprise.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 6:56PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, October 20th, 2016 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.