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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM 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
Bud Hennessy, AE6BH, Officer at Large
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, Officer at Large
Rob Kitson, KI6SBL
Tom Stanford, K7YMG

II. Approval of Minutes

The November 2016 EARS board minutes were approved (John AF6UA 1st, Mike H. 2nd, one abstention).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report - John Musselman N6EP

A lot has happened including the Christmas party, Christmas parade, and the January meeting. We can start thinking about field day. There are other items I will discuss in new business.

b. Program Director's Report – Nick Uran KK6TV

Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

Our February 9th meeting topic has changed, it will now be Member Shacks and, Show and Tell. Bring something related to Ham Radio to show and talk about. If you cant bring it to the meeting then send me pictures of your shack(73kk6tv@gmail.com), antennas, or any thing you do related with Ham Radio. The pics will be added to a brief Power Point presentation.

March 9th will be Paul WA6PY who will talk about EME (Earth Moon Earth)

propagation and contesting. Paul has performed quite well in some of the ARRL EME Contests.

Our previous scheduled guests for February had to reschedule to July 13th. Bienno Power which provides high performing LiFePO4 (Lithium Iron Phosphate), LiPo (Lithium Polymer) batteries, and solar products to users.

The Current 2017 Meeting Schedule as it stands:

2017 Meeting Presentations

January 12 Fred Brown W6HPH November QEX on Crystal Test Oscillators

February 9 Member Shacks and Show and Tell

March 9 Paul WA6PY EME and EME Contesting

April 8 EARS Auction

May 11 Open

June 8 Field Day Planning/Open(possibly AE6GM on Emergency Preparedness)

June 24,25 Field Day

July 13 Bioenno Power

August 13 (Tentative) EARS Picnic

September 14 Open

October 12 Open

November 9 Open

December 9 (Tentative) EARS Holiday Party

At meeting:

Nick will be combining ham shacks with show and tell for the February 2017 meeting. He will put down Tom Stanford for May (Arduino SWR meter). John N6EP will work on quiz night questions for whenever that might be needed. Vivian suggests a Field day meeting for June. It could be a combination meeting with the field day section as part of the presentation. We will discuss Field day more at the first Field day meeting.

c. *Treasurer's Report – Mike Bohanan KM6MPB*

Submitted by the 2016 treasurer Bill Spencer K6BLL. Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

Tomorrow I'm meeting with Mike, at which time I will turn over to him all of the materials and information regarding the Treasurer's Office. So it will be appropriate at any time for Steve to remove me from the website landing page and put Mike there instead. It's been a real pleasure during the past year, both educational and fun. Thank you all for the opportunity. Attached is the year-end Treasurer's report, which I'm happy to report shows a positive outcome for the year.

Year End Treasurer Report

Balances in Escondido Federal Credit Union

Checking Account Balance 2,226.86

Savings Account Balance 4,513.63

Total 6,740.49

Income for the Year

Memberships 1,957.00

Drawing Income 618.00

Auction 1,237.00

Other Income (donations) 450.00

Christmas Party 285.00

Net from PayPal 314.46

Total 4,861.46

Expense Items

Quiz Night Prizes 40.00

Postage 0.00

Office Supplies 0.00

Drawing Expense 395.65

Auction 827.00

Field Day 518.57

Picnic 244.35

P.O. Box 195.00

Insurance 488.00

Misc. expenses 964.94*

Total 3,673.51

Net Gain (Loss) for Year 1,187.95

**Antenna repairs, speaker dinners*

Submitted by Mike Bohanan KM6MPB. Submitted via e-mail (text in italics)

Treasurer's Report - Short and sweet this month...

1. Submitted signature card to the credit union for John and me to access EARS club funds

2. Awaiting outcome of discussion regarding change of PO box (John to introduce at this week's board mtg since I'm out of town on business travel). Temporary forwarding to my house from the PO box is in-place now. Waiting for first mail to arrive at my home.

3. Two additional 2017 dues payments made at last week's mtg - membership roster updated on website.

Mike B. was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

d. Technical Committee:

Nothing to discuss.

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

The November 2016 meeting minutes were submitted 12/2/2016.

- f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – John AF6UA
The Escondido Christmas parade went well.
The new hands-free law was discussed at the ARES meeting.
There has been some drama going on with HRD (Ham Radio Deluxe) software.
- g. Membership Report/Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN
Submitted via e-mail 12/18/2016 directly to Matt "EARS website was updated with latest board meeting minutes"
- h. SANDARC
Matt and Nick will be attending the upcoming January 2017 SANDARC meeting. John N6EP will add Mike H. and Rob as alternate delegates to the letter that will be submitted to SANDARC (he already has Matt and Nick listed as the EARS delegates to SANDARC).

IV. **Old Business**

None

V. **New Business**

Tom asked about EARS classifieds. Yes, we have classifieds on the EARS web page. Perhaps have Mike H. give the link to EARS classifieds every week to encourage people to use that service.

The Escondido Blvd. Post Office is downsizing and the EARS PO box number is going to be eliminated by the post office. We need to pick a new #. We could change the PO box location. We will need to update any EARS information with the new address (letter head, tax information, EARS flyer, insurance information...). We will ask Treasurer Mike B. to move the PO box to the Mission Avenue post office box since that location is the most likely location to stay open in the future.

Dirk will give the SLA batteries he has to Mike B.

Building access: Mike will call the SD Foundation to make sure they know we are still using the room on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month. He will also ask about better access to the room after 6PM.

John AF6UA had a few questions. Can we have a default announcement about the meeting before the meeting at Pieology? Do we have April 8th as the EARS auction date? Yes, on 12/1/2016 via e-mail Dirk asked if April 8th was good and said we were confirmed for that date. John N6EP acknowledged April 8th is good via e-mail.

John N6EP suggested we advertise the member shacks / show and tell in the weekly e-mail. John also talked about the estate sale he has been helping with. He is looking for someone that would be willing to Ebay some items for the estate sale. There were no volunteers.

Jo let us know that they need VEs for two different testing sessions (one on Saturday the 28th and the other on February the 4th in Poway).

Vivian will be the EARS 2017 Field day chairman, but will not be able to stay overnight and she might have to scale back her involvement for family reasons.

Matt will e-mail Roger Hicks about reserving the Lake Dixon Field day sites. Matt will see if Roger knows anything about getting permits for generators at Dixon.

VI. Adjournment

John N6EP adjourned the meeting at 6:55PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, February 16th, 2017 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.