



ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
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An ARRL Affiliated Club



## EARS Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2020

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by Bud AE6BH

Present:

Bud Hennessy, AE6BH, President  
Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, V.P.  
Roger Hicks, KB6DQO, Treasurer  
McKenzie Jackson, KM6FFR, Emergency Services Coordinator  
Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, Secretary  
John McNelly, AF6UA, Past President  
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Officer at Large  
Tom Stanford, K7YMG, Officer at Large  
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large  
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, Officer at Large

### II. Approval of Minutes

The January 2020 EARS board meeting minutes were approved (Tom 1st, Mike 2nd, unanimous).

### III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

- a. President's Report – Bud AE6BH  
Nothing to discuss.
- b. Program Director's Report (V.P.) – Robert KI6SBL  
The February meeting went well and everyone got a chance to say something.  
For March, Dennis Vernacchia N6KI will discuss contesting 101.  
The auction is in April  
May will be a discussion of slow scan TV over VHF
- c. Treasurer's Report – Roger Hicks KB6DQO  
Submitted by Roger via email on 02/19/2020 (text in italics).  
*Please find attached the Financial statement for February. Please let me know if you have any questions.*

The attachments from the treasurer report are pasted at the end of this document.  
Jo noted the opportunity drawing was called a raffle in the treasurer report.  
Bud noted that we gave away the handheld radio for the opportunity drawing in January.  
Roger says there is another FT4X available for the next opportunity drawing.  
Rob says he is interested in getting a DMR radio for the next DMR meeting (maybe in October 2020).

d. Technical Committee Report

Rich took care of the tower trailer and it is good to go for field day.  
One of our new HF beams may be missing the gamma match. We will look on the antenna trailer to see if we can locate it. Tom will investigate this.

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

The January 2020 EARS board meeting minutes were submitted via e-mail on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.

f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – McKenzie KM6FFR

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report

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

Previously Dirk suggested shuffling the Sunday evening net check-in so people that check in often are at the front of the list after club officers. It has been working out well.

Tom Valenzia W4ID paid money for a life membership, but we never voted him in (as required by the bylaws). He was voted in as a life member (Rob 1<sup>st</sup>, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous).

Rob moved to not give a membership refund to Tom W4ID. Tom had resigned from the club and did not ask for a refund. Rob said our 501(c)(3) prohibits us from giving club members money. John 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous (passed).

Roger will create a welcome document that he will send out to the board. It will be a welcome letter with information for new members.

Bud contacted Gina Roberts about the \$150 we gave her in 2019 to buy field day food supplies. She did not buy food so we have been trying to get that money back unsuccessfully. Gina agreed to buy food for the 2020 EARS field day so she does not have to pay the \$150 back.

## **V. New Business**

Auction: Dirk was asking about a date for the auction (April 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>) so he can submit the dates to the First United Methodist Church in Escondido (FUMC). Visalia is later than those dates so both dates look good.

John has the software for the auction (spreadsheet)

Treasurer makes sure we have change.

Bud will line up the auctioneer.

Jo's son AJ often does the audio.

Do we sell doughnuts and coffee again? That depends on if the church wants to have their own sale to raise money.

Roger noticed the EARS website says the auction is April 4<sup>th</sup>. It will need to be updated when we have a date. Steve will need to update the website.

Field day: Bud e-mailed Mike B. and asked if he would be interested in being FD chairman again. Mike has a new job and is busy with the ranch so he will not be the FD chairman.

Matt says he has had a hard time getting CW operators the last few years and if we no longer did the CW station he would be the FD chairman.

After some discussion, it was decided to do a combo CW/digital station. The other station will be voice/SSB.

Matt will be the 2020 field day chairman.

Bud will be the VHF band captain.

John will be the field day gopher.

Mike will be the CW/digital band captain.

Tom will be the voice/SSB band captain.

Matt will ask Nick to contact the park people about getting a letter to approve generator use at Dixon Lake for field day.

Rob volunteered to help with a press release if Matt wants help.

Echolink: We received an e-mail from Tom Lettington stating that the computer used for echolink is down and done (the echolink setup is at his home).

Jo moved that we pick up any EARS equipment from Tom and have Matt store it. Rob 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

Do we look for others to host echolink and try to setup echolink in a different location?

McKenzie moved to not pursue echolink on the EARS repeater anymore. John 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 nay, remaining yea. Passed.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Bud adjourned the meeting at 7:09PM.

## **VII. Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be 6PM, March 19th, 2020 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA.



## Financial Statement February 2020

Assets:	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
EFC Checking	\$ 2,348.75	\$ 2,471.75
EFC Savings	\$ 3,519.55	\$ 3,519.55
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 6,068.30</u>	<u>\$ 6,191.30</u>

	Budget 2020	Feb-20
Income:		
Membership	\$ 800.00	\$ 60.00
Raffle	\$ 300.00	\$ 63.00
Auction	\$ 1,500.00	
Other Income	\$ -	
Christmas Party	\$ 220.00	
Savings Interest	\$ 2.00	
Total income	<u>\$ 2,822.00</u>	<u>\$ 123.00</u>

Expenses:		
Raffle Prizes	\$ 300.00	
Website	\$ -	
Office Supplies	\$ 75.00	
Hardware (Ant, etc)	\$ 200.00	
Auction	\$ 1,000.00	
Field Day	\$ 300.00	
Picnic	\$ 100.00	
PO Box	\$ 154.00	\$ 168.00
Insurance	\$ 343.00	
Dinners for Speakers	\$ 30.00	
Christmas Party	\$ 350.00	
Misc Expense (Trailer Reg)	\$ -	
Total Expense	<u>\$ 2,852.00</u>	<u>\$ 168.00</u>

Net Income	<u>\$ (30.00)</u>	<u>\$ (45.00)</u>
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Balance	\$ 6,023.30
Checks Outstanding #1422	\$ 168.00
	\$ 6,191.30