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EARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2020

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:13PM 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
Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, Officer at Large
Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Officer at Large
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, Officer at Large

II. Approval of Minutes

The February 2020 EARS board meeting minutes were approved (Rob 1st, Vivian 2nd, one abstention, remaining yea).

III. Officer & Committee Chairman Reports

a. President's Report – Bud AE6BH

Bud reports that there have been numerous ham radio related cancelations because of COVID-19. Bud suggests we cancel the 2020 auction. Rob says we might want to postpone the auction until later in the year. We discussed and will consider holding the auction later in the year. Dennis N6KI is interested in presenting his Contesting 101 presentation in June (if we have a meeting then) as it would be relevant for field day (logging and using a computer).

b. Program Director's Report (V.P.) – Robert KI6SBL

Rob is looking at possibly having the auction in September or October and Dennis N6KI in June. Nothing planned for July yet.

c. Treasurer's Report – Roger Hicks KB6DQO

Submitted by Roger via email on 03/19/2020 (text in italics).

Here are the reports. Please also discuss new life membership for Bob Kard.

The attachments from the treasurer report are pasted at the end of this document.

Bob Kard AI6ZG paid for a life membership. After a brief discussion, Jo made a motion to approve live membership for Bob Kard, Vivian 2nd, unanimous. The motion was approved.

d. Technical Committee Report

Tom K7WMG submitted the following via e-mail on 3/7/2020 (text in italics).

Steve Albourn KE6PY and I went to Rich Gillman's AI6ZF home today to check out the potential hardware issues with the two beams and look over the other items that support the beam use. We found that only the 20M beam requires some nuts and bolts that fit the element clamps. The 15M had all the hardware. The matching rods for the 20M are in the box and the rods for the 15M are in the 15M bag with the balun. There is also a balun for the 20M in it's bag. The baluns are identical so could be swapped if by accident.

I went to Home Depot this afternoon and got the spare hardware and 4ea extra bungee cords. I got 12 bolts and 12 nuts and 50 lock washers, because they only come that way. The bolts are not hex head but are Philips head like a big screw. Should work OK. Total was \$21.58. I will bring to field day.

In conversations with Rich I found out that Rich fabricated a mast attachment for the "Ladder Tower". This attachment does not require hose clamps and fits into two holes that form the ladder steps near the top and are secured by bolts on the far side. I did not see this item on the trailer and so it must be stored with the ladder. We need to make an effort to bring this to field day (don't recall seeing it last year) because it will simplify things and make it safer. We do have the mast that fits in the ladder mast assembly on the trailer. Perhaps Dirks has this stashed and does remember what its for? Also I assume that the Ladder support, that a vehicle drives up on, is also stored with the ladder as it is not on the trailer.

We do have the mast piece that fits over the top of the trailer tower that the 20M beam attaches to so it can rotate. That should not be a problem.

We have the two Dipole assemblies, rope, misc hardware and rebar stakes. There is a one pound hammer and a crescent wrench. There is a long length of light tan coax and a long length of black coax that is stiff and not real flexible. There are also some short lengths of coax as well. I'm not sure what coax we normally use but these two lengths are not enough for four antenna feeds.

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

The February 2020 EARS board meeting minutes were submitted via e-mail on March 10th 2020.

- f. Emergency Services Coordinator Report – McKenzie KM6FFR

McKenzie went over a lot of suggestions and guidelines for dealing with COVID-19.

The list she read was later submitted via e-mail on 3/19/2020 (text in italics).

Here is the report for tonight's meeting

From the County of San Diego Public Health Officer

- 1 limit gatherings 10 or less*
- 2 bars etc without food are closed*
- 3 restaurants pick up only*
- 4 social distancing, telecommuting, no doctor notes*
- 5 school campuses closed*
- 6 65 or older, underlying issue, compromised immune self-quarantine*
- 7 no non-essential people in hospital or long-term care facilities*
- 8 delay elective medical procedures*
- 9 all test results to be reported*
- 10 level-3 arrivals 14 day home quarantine*
- 11 symptomatic self-isolate*

City Of Escondido is asking to

Please consider our first responders when calling for police or fire services and notify our dispatchers if you aren't feeling well. This will give our first responders the information they need to respond and provide emergency services safely.

Doctors and Hospitals\ER

Please do not visit the Emergency Room unless it's a real Emergency the ER's are becoming quickly overwhelmed by people seeking testing

Please contact your doctor's office if you feel sick and they will advise you on the next steps to be taken and if testing is needed

Most current info can be found at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus/>

Rob asked about doing another weekly net to let people check in on each other and discuss events. We briefly discussed and decided to have the 1st new net on Wednesday April 1st. Rob will be net control for this net.

Jo would like to get on the 2m repeater to have an informal meeting in place of the monthly Saturday breakfast.

- g. **Membership Report/Webmaster's Report – Steve W6TAN/G0TAN**
Steve updated the EARS web page to show that the March regular club meeting was cancelled.

IV. Old Business

Discussed in other sections.

V. New Business

Jo sent out notices to let people know the upcoming VE sessions are cancelled. They will reevaluate future VE sessions based on new COVID-19 developments.

VI. Adjournment

Bud adjourned the meeting at 6:41PM.

VII. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be 6PM, April 16th, 2020 at 900 Canterbury Pl, Escondido CA or via audio/video conferencing.



Financial Statement March 2020

Assets:	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
EFC Checking	\$ 2,471.75	\$ 2,643.36
EFC Savings	\$ 3,519.55	\$ 3,519.84
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 6,191.30</u>	<u>\$ 6,363.20</u>

Income:	Budget 2020	Feb-20
Membership	\$ 800.00	\$ 339.61
Raffle	\$ 300.00	
Auction	\$ 1,500.00	
Other Income	\$ -	
Christmas Party	\$ 220.00	
Savings Interest	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.29
Total income	<u>\$ 2,822.00</u>	<u>\$ 339.90</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	
Insurance	\$ 343.00	
Dinners for Speakers	\$ 30.00	
Christmas Party	\$ 350.00	
Misc Expense (Trailer Reg)	\$ -	
Total Expense	<u>\$ 2,852.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Net Income	<u>\$ (30.00)</u>	<u>\$ 339.90</u>
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Balance	\$ 6,531.20
Check Cleared Bank #1422	\$ 168.00
	\$ 6,363.20

☐ CARDS☒ GRID☐ COMPACT

Shares

Total Balance \$6,163.20

Total Available \$6,138.20

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	\$3,494.84		\$2,643.36	

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