

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

February 9, 2011



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:08pm at the home of Paul Williamson KB5MU. In attendance were:

President	Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Secretary	Paul Williamson, KB5MU
Director #1	Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Membership Chairman	Al Donlevy W6GNI
SCOPE Editor	Michelle Thompson W5NYV

Secretary's Report

Secretary KB5MU distributed copies of the January Board meeting minutes. **Motion** by Al Donlevy W6GNI to approve the minutes as published. Seconded by Michelle Thompson W5NYV. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming General Meeting

KD6TUJ reported that Bob Blumberg K4RB is scheduled to speak at the March meeting on his overseas adventures.

Membership Report

Membership chairman Al Donlevy W6GNI reported that Club membership is 287, down 1 from last month. The club took in \$530 in dues at the February meeting, including some long-lapsed members and people who had forgotten that they'd ever been members before.

Repeater Technical Report

KD6TUJ briefly summarized the Repeater Technical report sent by email by Repeater Technical Chairman Conrad Lara KG6JEI. The 447 MHz repeater was replaced with a unit modified for EchoLink operation. The old cavities may need replating. The 147.13 MHz repeater has squelch issues. The 52.68 MHz repeater is off the hill for repair. The 145.05 MHz packet node appears to be locked up and will need to be reset.

KD6TUJ relayed an email report from Bernie LaFreniere N6FN about the interference problem on the 447 MHz repeater. Observations confirm KD6TUJ's theory that the commercial repeater 21.4 MHz (twice the standard 10.7 MHz IF frequency) above our input might be involved. John at Palomar Communications is the technical contact for that repeater and will check for problems on their end.

Paypal Requested

KD6TUJ relayed an email request from Dennis Vernacchia N6KI that the club provide for membership renewal by Paypal.

SANDARC Meeting

KD6TUJ reported that he and KG6JEI attended the January meeting of the San Diego Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC). SANDARC will again participate in the San Diego County Fair. There is now a Lakeside Amateur Radio Club. SANDARC proposes to obtain its own container storage unit, in parallel to the El Cajon club's container they had been using. Do the member clubs approve the expense for a new container storage unit? The consensus of the Board was negative.

Upcoming Licensing Classes and Training

KD6TUJ reported that Steve Early AD6VI has scheduled classes for Technician licensing at Palomar Mountain on February 13 and at the Carlsbad Safety Center on February 19, plus a class for General licensing at the Carlsbad Safety Center on February 26. A "get on the air" session is also scheduled from noon to 3:30pm following the regularly scheduled VE testing session on March 12 at the Carlsbad Safety Center.

Summary Treasurer's Report

KD6TUJ received a TXT message from Treasurer Georgia Smith KI6LAV: "No report tonight, but nothing unusual." **Motion** by W5NYV to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Seconded by Don Johnson WD6FWE. Motion passed.

News Coverage of 75th Anniversary

KD6TUJ said he would write stories for CQ, QST, WorldRadio, and QCWA about the 75th anniversary meeting of the Club.

Locations for Club Events

KD6TUJ stated that he and Greg Gibbs KI6RXX were still looking at locations in Oceanside for Field Day and an April 10 Operating Day, and hoping to get the fees reduced with the help of Councilman Kern.

Oceanside CERT Net

WD6FWE reported that he has listened to the Sunday Oceanside CERT net and suggests that they be sent the Club's usual preamble and postamble texts.

SCOPE Deadline

SCOPE Editor W5NYV reported that she will be on the Curaçao YL DXpedition around the usual SCOPE deadline in March, so the April issue will be wrapped up by March 13. Articles must be submitted early.

Next Board Meeting Location

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of W6GNI at 7pm on March 9, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williamson KB5MU
Secretary