

# Minutes

## Palomar Amateur Radio Club

### Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 2011



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:09pm at the home of Ron Pollack K2RP. In attendance were:

President	Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Vice President	Ron Pollack K2RP
Secretary	Paul Williamson, KB5MU
Treasurer	Dave Ochs KI6LKP
Director #2	Eric Hutchins K7ELH
Membership Chairman	Al Donlevy W6GNI
Repeater Technical Chairman	Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
ex-Treasurer	Georgia Smith KI6LAV

#### Approval of Committee Chairs

KD6TUJ re-appointed Al Donlevy W6GNI as Membership Chairman, and W6GNI agreed to serve. KD6TUJ re-appointed Michelle Thompson W5NYV as Editor of the newsletter, and KB5MU relayed W5NYV's agreement to serve. KD6TUJ re-appointed KE6JEI as Repeater Technical Chairman, and KE6JEI agreed to serve. KD6TUJ stated that the position of Repeater Site Chairman remains open. **Motion** by K2RP that the newly elected members of the Board approve these appointments. **Seconded** by KB5MU. Motion **passed** unanimously.

KD6TUJ designated committee chairmen W6GNI, W5NYV, and KE6JEI to serve as directors. **Motion** by KB5MU that the newly elected members of the Board approve these designations. **Seconded** by K2RP. Motion **passed** unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer KI6LKP distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. **Motion** by KB5MU to approve the Treasurer's Report as published. **Seconded** by K2RP. Motion **passed** unanimously.

KI6LKP stated that he'd find it convenient to have an ATM card to facilitate making deposits. KI6LAV stated that the type of account we have does not allow ATM cards.

KB5MU asked if we can move our account away from Bank of America "because they are evil." KI6LKP agreed to investigate options.

KI6LKP stated that there are two big boxes of Treasurer's records and asked if they could be stored at the TOWizard storage site. KD6TUJ agreed.

KI6LKP asked about the purpose of the self-insurance account. It was explained that the club set aside money against the need to replace equipment in preference to paying

for equipment insurance. K2RP stated that the ARRL equipment insurance deal was much improved since the club opted out of it.

### **Secretary's Report**

KB5MU distributed copies of the minutes of the October and November Board meetings, previously sent by email. **Motion** by KG6JEI to approve the October minutes as published. **Seconded** by K7ELH. Motion **passed** unanimously with KI6LKP abstaining. **Motion** by W6GNI to approve the November minutes as published. **Seconded** by K7ELH. Motion **passed** unanimously with KI6LKP abstaining.

### **Upcoming General Meeting**

K2RP reported that the January meeting is scheduled to be presented by W5NYV on Lithium Ion Batteries: How they work, why they fail. The February meeting is scheduled to be presented by KB5MU on some aspects of APRS. March will mark the club's 75th anniversary of affiliation with ARRL, but by general agreement that will not be the main focus of the meeting.

### **Membership**

W6GNI reported that the membership is 260, and that the online membership query and join or renew facilities are working well.

### **Repeater Technical Report**

KG6JEI reported that the work party trip on Sunday was quite chilly. DC-DC power converters were installed on the metro net and 145.05 MHz packet nodes. The packet repeater is still off the hill for repair. The county (or someone) has done a lot of brush clearing on the slope below the repeater site. The tower was examined to find a mounting site for the PTZ camera, and John Kuivinen WB6IQS was consulted by phone and will fabricate mounting brackets.

KG6JEI asked about placing a second lock box at the site to hold a full set of keys to the buildings not unlocked by the key in the existing lock box. The consensus was that this would be a good idea.

The new 6m antenna built by KD6TUJ was installed, but slightly bent, and showing a 1.3:1 VSWR on the tower. An antenna analyzer shows at least a 2:1 VSWR on the cavities, which still need to be tuned.

Sensitivity complaints about the 145.05 MHz packet node were investigated but not confirmed. The squelch on that receiver was adjusted. There may be a lingering squelch issue on the 147.13 MHz repeater. Otherwise the repeaters seem to working well.

The repeater site is in good shape and ready for the winter. No scheduled work parties are scheduled until spring.

The generator stored at the site is not able to run the battery chargers, because they require 240VAC and a very stable frequency. The plan calls for both the generator and the battery chargers to be replaced.

KD6TUJ stated that his cost to construct the 6m antenna was \$83. **Motion** by K2RP to reimburse KD6TUJ \$83. **Seconded** by KB5MU. Motion **passed** unanimously.

### **Meeting Room Availability**

KD6TUJ reported that we have reserved a meeting room at the Carlsbad Safety Center for all club meetings in 2012, including the auction meeting in October. We also reserved a meeting room for VE testing for all dates in 2012 but one. That exam date will just be canceled.

### **Operating Day**

KD6TUJ reported that the Operating Day scheduled for November 20 was canceled due to unpleasant weather. It will be rescheduled for the spring. It was suggested that the parking lot at Fry's Electronics might be good, perhaps on March 18. KD6TUJ agreed to ask Fry's about it.

### **SANDARC Bylaws Amendment**

KD6TUJ reported that he had received no responses to his email asking other clubs about the San Diego Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC) bylaws amendment.

### **Next Board Meeting Location**

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of K2RP at 7:30pm on January 11, 2012.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Williamson KB5MU  
Secretary