

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2012



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:36pm 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
Repeater Technical Chairman	Conrad Lara, KG6JEI

Treasurer's Report

KB5MU distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, previously emailed by Dave Ochs, KI6LKP. **Motion** by KB5MU to approve the Treasurer's Report as published. **Seconded** by WD6FWE. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Secretary's Report

KB5MU distributed copies of the minutes of the August and September board meetings. **Motion** by WD6FWE to approve the August board meeting minutes as published. **Seconded** by W6GNI. Motion **passed** unanimously. **Motion** by WD6FWE to approve the September board meeting minutes as published. **Seconded** by W6GNI. Motion **passed**, with KG6JEI abstaining.

Upcoming General Meetings

KD6TUJ reported that the November meeting will be on Amateur Radio Astronomy. The December meeting will be the usual holiday social. January's program is still to be determined.

Membership Report

W6GNI reported that the club has 274 members. The database file was recovered, more or less, with help from KB5MU. Monthly updates of the membership list are being sent to KD6TUJ for backup.

Repeater Technical Report

KD6TUJ reported that the 6m cavities have been picked up for delivery to KC6UQH for tuning.

The 146.730 MHz repeater has been experiencing an intermittent control problem, possibly thermal in origin, and occasionally the squelch will hang open until the repeater times itself out. The repeater will be swapped out for a spare and serviced.

The PTZ camera has been delivered to KB5MU for controller development. The mounting brackets have been fabricated and are ready to install on the tower. There is an available video input port on the ATV repeater. KD6TUJ agreed to speak to KC6UQH about using the ATV intercom receiver for PTZ control.

KG6JEI asked KD6TUJ whether he had approached TASMA about interference from the new Contractor's Point repeater on 147.120 MHz. He had not.

More old documents have been obtained from Stan Rohrer, W9FQN, including documents pertaining to the installation of the tower from KPRI, various site plans, net preambles, and other club documents. KD6TUJ took them for scanning.

KG6JEI plans to write up a trifold brochure about repeater operating "courtesies and etiquette". It will also be formatted for the Scope and the web site.

PARC Operating Day

KD6TUJ reported on the scheduled Operating Day in the Fry's parking lot in San Marcos on November 18. Tom Martin KG6RCW has been coordinating this event. Fallbrook and Escondido groups have been invited to participate. We still need to get an updated version of the proof of insurance letter showing the new date.

Auction Results

KD6TUJ reported that the annual club auction netted over \$800 for the club, including the sale of some estate donations. Detailed figures were sent out by email. Some items were left behind after the auction, and attempts are being made to track down their owners. The auction ran very late this year, with more items for sale than usual.

Nominating Committee

KD6TUJ reported that he had appointed Art McBride KC6UQH, Jo Ashley KB6NMK, and Cindy Tatalovich KJ6HCT to serve as the nominating committee for 2013 club officers.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Event

KG6JEI thanked the club for use of the repeater in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation event October 6.

MS Bike Ride

KD6TUJ noted that the MS bike ride is scheduled to use the 447 MHz repeater on October 20-21, with the 147.130 MHz repeater as backup. They may want to switch to using the 2m repeater as primary, to get better coverage in the Elfin Forest area.

SANDARC

KD6TUJ reported that the SANDARC meeting skipped the regular order of business and went straight to comments on the proposed bylaws amendment. There is some confusion about how to handle comments. The Bylaws Committee was asked to break the proposal down by sections for consideration at the October meeting and possible

section-by-section vote at the January meeting (there being no regular SANDARC meeting in November or December).

Repeater Site Generator

KG6JEI once again prodded KD6TUJ for status on the project to equip the generator for remote starting and propane operation. There was no progress to report.

Next Board Meeting Location

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of W6GNI at 7:30pm on November 14, 2012.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williamson KB5MU
Secretary