

# Minutes

## Palomar Amateur Radio Club

### Board of Directors Meeting

November 14, 2012



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:34pm at the home of Al Donlevy W6GNI. In attendance were:

President	Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ
Vice President	Ron Pollack, K2RP
Secretary	Paul Williamson, KB5MU
Director #1	Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Membership Chairman	Al Donlevy, W6GNI
Repeater Technical Chairman	Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
Guest	Jim Cooper, NE6O

#### Treasurer's Report

W6GNI 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 October board meeting. **Motion** by WD6FWE to approve the minutes as published. **Seconded** by W6GNI. Motion **passed** unanimously.

#### Upcoming General Meetings

KD6TUJ reported that the December meeting will be the usual holiday social, plus elections. Harry Hodges W6YOO will bring a DXpedition DVD to play. January's program is still to be determined.

#### Membership Report

W6GNI reported that the club has 275 members.

#### Repeater Technical Report

KG6JEI said that reports have been received about problems with the 146.730 MHz repeater, but that he has not observed any problems. A future work party will have to investigate.

KD6TUJ reported that he filed a complaint form with TASMA regarding interference with the output of our 147.130 MHz repeater from the new repeater coordinated on 147.120 MHz. The owner of that repeater contacted him and said that he had reduced output power to 15 watts after receiving a complaint from a third repeater. His repeater

has two antenna bays pointed east and two bays pointed south. He seems interested in cooperating to solve the interference problems.

The 6m repeater cavities are at Art McBride KC6UQH's house. Besides tuning them, he is going to cut deeper slits in the tops of the cavities, clean the threads, and double-nut the adjustments.

KB5MU reported no progress on the PTZ camera controller project.

KD6TUJ reported that a picnic bench has been donated to the club. It will be installed at the repeater site.

### **Field Day and Picnic Food Expenses**

KD6TUJ displayed an invoice received from Gina Roberts N1OW for catering Field Day and the club picnic. The club had already allocated and paid \$250 for Field Day and \$200 for the picnic. The invoice was for \$518.75 for Field Day and \$275 for the picnic, for a total owing of \$343.75. That covers sodas, water, ice, and propane for both events, generator fuel for Field Day, and a greater than expected turnout at Field Day. **Motion** by WD6FWE to pay the requested amount. **Seconded** by K2RP. Motion **passed** unanimously.

### **PARC Operating Day**

KD6TUJ reported on the scheduled Operating Day in the Fry's parking lot in San Marcos on November 18. Skywarn will attend. K2RP will operate W6NWG on the preceding day in the SSB Sweepstakes, and during the event as well. NE6O will bring at least receive capability for PSK31.

### **Hospital Net**

KD6TUJ reported a last-minute request from ARES to use 2m repeaters for a hospital drill on November 15 from 5pm to 11pm. The 147.130 MHz repeater is available, as is the 146.730 MHz repeater between scheduled nets. **Motion** by WD6FWE to approve the request, with 147.130 MHz as primary and 146.730 MHz as secondary, not to interfere with scheduled nets. **Seconded** by K2RP. Motion **passed** unanimously.

### **Fun with SANDARC**

KD6TUJ reported that the omnibus amendment to the SANDARC bylaws was voted on section by section, for some but not all of the sections, in apparent violation of the notice requirements for proposed amendments. No objection was raised at the SANDARC meeting, but KD6TUJ said he would try to get them to back up and make it legal by publishing the proposals before the January meeting and voting no earlier than the February meeting.

### **501(c)(3) Status**

K2RP reported that he had obtained the application filed by EARS to use as an example. After EARS filed that application, the IRS had some questions. K2RP also has the answers that EARS gave, and will try to incorporate them into an application for our club.

## Equipment Insurance

K2RP reported that he checked with ARRL's insurance provider and obtained assurances that we can insure whatever subset of our equipment we wish. KG6JEI agreed to prepare a list of equipment at the repeater site.

## Domain Name Renewal

KB5MU reported that our domain names *palomararc.org* and *palomararc.com* are due for renewal, at a cost of \$30 per year. **Motion** by WD6FWE to approve the expense. **Seconded** by KG6JEI. Motion **passed** unanimously.

## Officer Elections

KD6TUJ reported that the Nominating Committee announced the following slate of candidates at the November general membership meeting:

President	Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ
Vice President	Ron Pollack, K2RP
Treasurer	Terri Bloom, W6TRB
Secretary	Jim Cooper, NE6O
Director #1	Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Director #2	Rich Lippucci, KI6RRQ

There were no nominations from the floor.

## Next Board Meeting Location

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of K2RP at 7:30pm on December 12, 2012.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Williamson KB5MU  
Secretary