

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

MARCH 12, 2014

President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ called the meeting to order at 19:13 pm at the home of Al Donlevy, W6GNI. In attendance were:

President: Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ
Secretary: Jim Cooper, NE6O
Director #2: John Rotondi, WA2OOB
Repeater: Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
Membership: Al Donlevy, W6GNI
Repeater Site: Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Field Day: Greg Gibbs KI6RXX

TREASURER

- Kim was not able to attend the meeting and sent the treasurer's report by email.
- Motion by Conrad, KG6JEI to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Don, WD6FWE. The motion passes unanimously.

SECRETARY

- Jim, NE6O distributed the February Board minutes.
- The motion passed with unanimous consent.

NEXT MEETING

- At the April meeting, Ron Rosson, N6XT will talk on his Vacation/First DXpedition to America Samoa and Samoa with N7CQQ.
- We still need a May program
- Greg, KI6RXX will present a program on the upcoming Field Day at the June meeting.
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MEMBERSHIP

- Al, W6GNI, reports that membership is at 285, down 4 from last month.

REPEATER

- Don, WD6FWE reports that the site is OK on his latest visit.
- There are plans to take the 700 and run a connect to merge the receive to the 146.730 repeater
- Plan to decommission one of corner reflectors and use their cavities for other units
- Conrad, KG6JEI presented an inventory of the large items on the repeater site.

SITE REPORT

- Don plans to repair the phone line and run one half inch coax.
- Don plans a work party at the site on March 19 at 10am.

FIELD DAY

- We have a verbal approval for the same site this year. Construction on the site will start later so this will be the last time there.
- We still need station managers for 15/40 SSB and one CW station
- PARC may run 4A this year.
- GOTA will have 10 meters for its own use. This will reduce band scheduling conflicts.
- Greg, KI6RXX reports that the Field Day Weekday planning net will begin on Wednesdays at 8pm
- Greg, KI6RXX suggests replacing 3 coax lines with new 100 foot RG213 coax .
- Conrad, KG6JEI moved to purchase 3 runs of coax from RF parts not to exceed \$350. Seconded by Don, WD6FWE. Passes unanimously
- Greg, KI6RXX presented a list of possible commercial transport of equipment from the storage site to the FD site.
- Insurance has been applied for to indemnify the property owner
- Greg, KI6RXX Field Day Status Report is attached at the end of these minutes

NEW BUSINESS

- The next Operating Day will be April 26, 2014 at Fry's in San Marcos.
- Dennis, KD6TUJ asked Al, W6GNI to write a check for \$1200 for the Self Insurance as approved last month
- The Scout Fair will be held on April 26, 2014. Conrad has offered to support them.
- Should BOD minutes and treasurers reports be presented at the General Meeting?
- State of California Statement of Information filed on February 14, 2014. John, WA2OOB moves to reimburse \$20 to Dennis to reimburse his filing for the State of California Statement of Information. Don, WD6FWE seconded. Passed unanimously
- The annual EARS auction will be on April 10.
- John, WA2OOB will do the PARC auction

Next month's board meeting will be the second Wednesday, April 10 , 2014 at the house of Al Donlevy, W6GNI and will start at 7pm.

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Unanimous motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Cooper, NE6O
Secretary, Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Attachment:

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Field Day 2014 Status Report

1. Field Day this year will be the fourth full weekend in June.
2. The year Field Day will fall on Friday June 27th, Saturday June 28th, and Sunday June 29th.
3. Persons who have volunteered for Band Captain thus far:
 - Ron K2RP volunteered to take one of the CW Stations
 - Don, WD6FWE volunteered for GOTA
 - Mike, NA6MB volunteered for 20/80 SSB with KI6RXX as co-captain.
 - Possible Band Captains: John WA2OQB and Rich NI6H
4. We are still in need of at least 1 voice station on 15/40 SSB and a CW station.
5. Looking at running 4A based on equipment availability, and having a dedicated HF spot for GOTA.
6. Request to start weekly Field Day Planning Net on Wednesdays at 2000 hours.
7. Several runs of Field Day supply coax are less than an optimum length. The shortest are approximately 47', 56', and 57'. Propose replacing these runs with 100' each direct replacement. Old stock to be kept in PARC supply.
8. One item of concern, at least to one Club officer, is the transportation of Club equipment by private means and the liability it might present to the BOD. The club may be required to contract (rent) a transport unit or company to move Club equipment to alleviate their concerns. Attached are quotes that will give us a general idea of cost for transportation one way. Keep in mind these are just estimates. Our costs will probably be higher based on our special needs of same day transportation vs 1 day which generally doesn't include the date of pickup, Sunday service, and heavy lifting / awkward loading requirements. Is this something the board is interested in?
 - Cost of 100 foot RG213 coax terminated with PL259 each end:
 - Cable Experts \$129.95 (AES)
 - RF Parts
 - \$113ea under 200 feet purchased 0.95+18 (\$2 each connector, \$7 each to solder on)
 - \$106ea 200-499 feet 0.88+18 (\$2 each connector, \$7 each to solder on)
 - \$102ea 500+ feet 0.84+18 (\$2 each connector, \$7 each to solder on)
 - HRO no price listed/offered. Tired to sell different product when in person.
 - Recommend ordering 3 cables from RF Parts at 100' each for a total cost of \$318.00 USD plus any applicable tax; for a total cost not to exceed \$350.00 USD (249.80 with 10% tax)
9. Work Parties need to Inventory Station Boxes, Create Dipole Antenna Holders, Take down and Repair 5th tower that is on top of shed, and repair 20M antenna element.

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