

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

May 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca at 7:33 pm at the home of Ron Pollack K2RP.
In attendance were:

President: Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ
Vice-President: Ron Pollack, K2RP
Treasurer: Teri Bloom, W6TRB
Secretary: Jim Cooper, NE6O
Director #1: Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Director #2: Rich Lippucci, NI6H
Repeater: Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
Field Day: Greg Gibbs, KI6RXX

FIELD DAY

- Greg, KI6RXX reports that Field Day planning is progressing.
- The YL station still needs a captain, but there are enough operators.
- Involvement with the Boy Scouts continuing, their last day to pre-register will be May 31. No funds required for registration. PARC will hold a VE testing session at the Field Day site on Saturday about 2pm. The merit badge session will start at 1pm. There will be hot dogs and sodas for the Scouts.
- We still need tables and chairs and canopy shelter. Greg wants 12 canopies for the "Midway", where the GOTA station, food, etc. will be. Don, WD6FWE asked about the big shelter we have previously used. Dennis, KD6TUJ said it aged and died. Ron, K2RP & Don, WD6FWE volunteered to bring chairs and canopies.

TREASURER

- Teri, W6TRB says that from January forward, most of the stuff got into the system.
- Rich, NI6H stated that Al, W6GNI wrote a check for \$350 for the banners. All OK.
- One CD for \$4521.28 matured on 4/13. On 4/30 it was still within renewal period. Rich, NI6H suggests letting it roll-over.
- PARC paid \$600 to our self-insured account on March 4, 2012. Teri asked if a discussion about insurance was on the agenda.
- Teri will email numbers 2nd weekend.
- Rich, NI6H has a \$50 check since the banners were less than quoted. Rich will mail it to Teri.

SECRETARY

- Jim, NE6O left paper copies of April notes at work. Ron, K2RP printed some out.
- Ron, K2RP **moved** to accept the minutes as amended. Don, WD6FWE **seconded** the motion. The motion to accept **passed** unanimously.

GENERAL MEETING

- Dennis, KD6TUJ stated the June meeting will be about Field Day. The business portion will be limited to about 20 minutes. If time permits, there will be a presentation of the N1MM logging program and how it will work together with a voice keyer.

MEMBERSHIP

- Al, W6GNI reported that our present membership is 277

REPEATERS

- Conrad, KG6JEI reported that the Mountain is still there.
- The 700 packet repeater needs a workparty
- The 075 repeater needs its output power checked. It appears at least 10 dB down wrt the 073 repeater.
- The 073 repeater has noise on its input channel.
- Rich, NI6H asked if a date has been set for the next workparty. Art, KC6UQH reports that 075 is on backup amplifier. Conrad power module is on universal plug and play. Will replace and bring present down, then return to hill and stock it.
- Conrad, KG6JEI suggested Thursday May 30 for a workparty. If scheduled on weekend add cleanup time and inventory equipment.
- Dennis, KD6TUJ requests that we get advance notice when the repeater will be used heavily. Users should request repeater use on this day for this purpose. Any non-regular net should be requested a month and a half or two months. PARC will give notice to membership that the repeater is to be used.
- Dennis, KD6TUJ is preparing the generator proposal package for generator for submittal.
- Conrad, KG6JEI states that an interface that puts DSTAR into analog radios was mentioned at SANDARC. Rich talked about the possibility of having a PAPA presentation.

GENERAL

- Dennis, KD6TUJ stated that there will be an Extra License class down at Lakeside May 9,16,30 and June 6,13,20 at 7-9pm. The class will be taught by Gordon Shackelford.
- The next antenna work-party will be May 25 Saturday. If needed, additional work-parties may be held on June 1 and 8.

SAFETY POLICY

- Charlie, NN3V sent out proposals for a safety policy.
- Dennis, KD6TUJ stated his intent to limit statements to cover only the important things.

- Discussion about safety policy.
- Dennis introduced safety policy.
- **Moved** by Don, WD6FWE to accept the Safety Policy as written. **Seconded** by Ron, K2RP. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- **Motion** by Ron, K2RP that the club is authorized to raise towers again. Don, WD6FWE **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed**.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

- Ron, K2RP passed out proposed changes to the articles of Incorporation
- Dennis, KD6TUJ stated that they have been reviewed by legal individual whose opinion is they are more detailed than they need to be. Also consider change from 501C3 (mutual benefit) to 501C4 (public benefit). The biggest difference between 501C3 and 501C4 is the disposition of assets if the club is dissolved.
- Dennis, KD6TUJ says we will continue to move forward and clarify concerns .
- Dennis, KD6TUJ and Conrad, KG6JEI will get together and iron out Conrad's concerns.

INSURANCE

- Ron, K2RP states that our bylaws say that the corporation requires that we have insurance for our equipment in such an amount as the board shall determine. Ron will like to get \$15K insurance. There was a discussion about whether to self insure. Conrad, KG6JEI will go up on hill and verify club assets, serial numbers, and list of equipment to help determine what to insure or self-insure. Teri, W6TRB says that we need a list of equipment,
- Ron, K2RP suggests getting a partial list and get insurance on that. Additional equipment can be added later.
- Ron, K2RP says that he is resigning from the board as of tonight since he does not want to accept personal liability since the board has not acquired fire and theft insurance as required by the by-laws.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

- To be determined

The meeting was closed at 10:27pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Cooper NE6O

Secretary, Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Safety Policy – (added as addendum by Gary Kent W6GDK om 7/23/2015)

Field Day Safety Policy

We now have the following safety policy set in place for Field Day 2013.

Everyone who participates in work parties should be prepared for the work to be done.

Safety items are personal responsibility. Safety is everyone's responsibility. The work party leader will discuss the safety needs for the projects to be done. The leader will appoint a safety supervisor as necessary.

The leader will conduct work with the Safety supervisor watching for safety.

With the above safety policy in mind, one of the activities we will partake in during setup of and tear-down of Field Day is the raising and lowering of the towers. That is, taking them from the point of laying on the ground to standing vertical and vice versa. As we have learned, this is a time when we need to be most prepared and alert. Those who participate in this activity are requested to bring a hard hat to protect themselves from the possibility of falling objects from the towers while raising and lowering them. Hard hats are available from your local Home Improvement Store for as low as 7 dollars. It is also recommended that good shoes and a pair of working gloves be worn as well. As we will be working in the sun, a hat and sunscreen is also advisable along with water.

Although these items may not be a complete list of what you might need, they are meant to set the tone of how important safety is throughout the event.