



Palomar Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting April 11, 2018

President Joe Peterson K6JPE called the meeting to order at 19:01 at the Poway Fire Station No. 1.

Attendance:

President: Joe K6JPE
Vice President: Charlie NN3V
Secretary: Currently Vacant
Treasurer: Tom W0NI
Director No. 1: John WB6IQS
Director No. 2: Greg KI6RXX
Chairman:
Membership: Glen Christensen AI6RR
Repeater Tech: Mark Raptis KF6WTN
Repeater Site: Mark Raptis KF6WTN
Scope Editor: Keith Spears KM6CXW (via telephone)
Web Master: Guido NO6I (absent)

Guests: Dennis KD6TUJ

Treasurer:

- Tom W0NI submitted the March report.
- Net Income was \$132.
- Treasurer's report was filed as presented.
- Expenses included a \$170 bonding fee for the Board of Directors with check writing privileges.

Secretary:

- Rainer has resigned from the secretary's position. John WB6IQS volunteered to act as secretary until a replacement can be found.
- February and March notes need to be created.

Membership:

- Glen KI6RR reported that the club has a total of 221 paid members.
- General meeting in April had 57 people.
- Glen was using a program called "Libre" but they want an on-going annual fee of over \$400 to continue using it. Mark is investigating converting the files over to a less expensive program.

Repeater Tech / Site:

- WB6IQS reported that all the repeaters except for the ATV system are working OK.
- Bernie N6FN and WB6IQS made two trips to the mountain to update the firmware on our SCOM 7330 controllers. They updated the operating system and installed cross banding modifications for the 6 meter repeater.

- The old Motorola Micor mobile radios used in the packet digi-peater and packet duplex repeater are becoming non-repairable due to age. Need to eventually replace both of them.
- We have an intermittent 48 VDC to 13.6 VDC switching power supply on the 6 meter repeater. Needs to be replaced and we need to have a standby replacement on site.
- Mark KF6WTN reported that Valley Wireless may want to install a 5 GHz Internet repeater site on our tower. We would then have Internet available at our site rather than using Bernie's N6FN house for our Echo link path.
- Bernie N6FN noticed a 50 MHz noise issue that appears to be coming from our 48 VDC switching power supplies. We need to take a spectrum analyzer to the site and sniff around for the noise.

Future Meetings:

- May T-Hunting
- June – Field Day and Show & Tell
- July – AK6R with noise suppression using ferrites.

New Business:

- WB6IQS asked for reimbursement for \$105.59. \$105 for 8 repeater antennas (used surplus) and \$0.59 for the Post Office. Mark KF6WTN made the motion to pay this bill and Charlie NN3V seconded it. Passed unanimously.
- Rainer's resignation letter was discussed. KD6TUJ volunteered, NN6I also expressed an interest. Motion for a new secretary was tabled for further consideration.
- Charlie NN3V and Joe K6JPE discussed their problems with getting publicity into the newspapers for local events. WB6IQS offered to help with some further investigation.

Old Business:

- The "saga" of the E-Mail list was discussed again. Charlie's 10 March 2018 E-Mail and concerns about our web host were analyzed.
- Funding for the ARRL scholarship is under careful review to insure that all funds received are correctly identified.
- Greg was looking into less expensive storage for our Field Day equipment. Nothing has been found as yet.
- WONI will be the official "greeter" at the May club meeting.
- The club's Field Day trailer still needs wiring, scraping, priming and a coat of finish paint. Boy Scouts were supposed to help but nothing heard from them so far.

Next BOD Meeting:

May 9, 2018 at this location.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:20

Submitted by:

John Kuivinen, WB6IQS (acting secretary)