

# Minutes

## Palomar Amateur Radio Club

### Board of Directors Meeting

April 13, 2011 (Corrected)



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:17pm at the home of Ron Pollack K2RP. In attendance were:

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| President                   | Dennis Baca KD6TUJ      |
| Vice President              | Ron Pollack K2RP        |
| Secretary                   | Paul Williamson, KB5MU  |
| Director #1                 | Don Johnson, WD6FWE     |
| Director #2                 | Eric Hutchins, K7ELH    |
| Membership Chairman         | Al Donlevy W6GNI        |
| SCOPE Editor                | Michelle Thompson W5NYV |
| Repeater Technical Chairman | Conrad Lara KG6JEI      |

#### Secretary's Report

Secretary Paul Williamson KB5MU distributed printed copies of the minutes of the February Board meeting, as previously sent by email. Motion by K2RP to approve the minutes as published. Seconded by Al Donlevy W6GNI. Motion passed unanimously. KB5MU distributed printed copies of the minutes of the March Board meeting, as previously sent by email. Motion by Conrad Lara KG6JEI to approve the minutes as published. Seconded by Michelle Thompson W5NYV. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report was available.

#### Upcoming General Meeting

K2RP reported that Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ would have a very funny presentation about his trip to the Dayton Hamvention at the May meeting. The June meeting will be about Field Day.

#### Membership Report

Membership chairman Al Donlevy W6GNI reported that Club membership is 278. Postal rates were adjusted on April 12; it will now cost 0.1 cents more per Scope mailed. Mailing labels will have to be rotated 90 degrees from their current orientation. Dropping off Scopes at the post office will now involve waiting for the postal workers to process the stack and correct any errors.

#### Repeater Technical Report

Repeater Technical Chairman Conrad Lara KG6JEI reported on a repeater site visit last month. A duplexer was replaced and additional filtering was added to mitigate interference on the 447 MHz repeater. The power amplifier module was replaced in the 147.130 MHz repeater. Some time was wasted due to directional coupler limitations that resulted in a false indication of desense.

The 145.05 MHz packet node TNC was reset, and it worked for a while thereafter, but has again lost its programming, after a loss of AC power at the repeater site. The lithium battery in the TNC is fresh, so some deeper hardware problem is suspected.

The additional power cutoff relays have not yet been ordered.

The 220 Club will install a 48V power converter for their repeater at a work party scheduled for Sunday April 17.

KG6JEI reported no progress on the 6m repeater. W5NYV reported that three designs for a new 6m repeater antenna are in hand, all but one of which use off-the-shelf components. Simulation studies show a slight advantage for mounting the antenna on its own separate pole, as it is currently, but there may be mechanical advantages to mounting it on the main tower.

### **Field Day**

KG6JEI reported for Field Day Chairman Greg Gibbs KI6RXX. A work party is scheduled for May 11 to refurbish the club's two 20m yagi antennas. Field Day sites in Oceanside are still under consideration. KI6RXX will provide a Field Day article for the Scope by Friday. KD6TUJ will visit Oceanside Parks and Recreation to see about using Rancho Del Oro park. K2RP noted the importance of asking the chuck wagon volunteer to feed us again this year.

### **Request for Repeater Usage**

Timothy Higgins requested the use of a repeater intermittently in support of the Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium the following weekend. Motion by Don Johnson WD6FWE to approve the request. Seconded by W5NYV. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Operating Day**

KD6TUJ reported that Operating Day was held at the YMCA in Oceanside. About 35 people signed in. Councilman Kern attended for about 15 minutes, and asked if the tower trailer would be typical of amateur radio installations at homes. KD6TUJ reported that he had sent a letter of thanks to the YMCA. KD6TUJ returned the check written by the club to cover expenses, since no net expenses were incurred.

### **San Diego Amateur Radio Council**

KD6TUJ reported that he made a request to SANDARC to fund the club's Operating Day event in April and its next Operating Day event, in the amount of \$200, and the request was approved. Since there were no expenses incurred at the April event, the funds will be banked for the next event.

SANDARC held its election of new officers. Challengers replaced incumbents in both contested races. There was some controversy about inactive status for member clubs. It seems that the SANDARC bylaws require a vote to move a club to inactive status, but clubs have been treated as inactive without a vote being held. The main implication seems to be that a quorum to transact business depends on the number of active clubs, so some meetings may not have had a legal quorum.

### **Raffle Results**

KD6TUJ turned over \$70 net proceeds from the raffle at the last club meeting.

**Logbook of the World**

W5NYV reported that the club callsign W6NWG is now active on Logbook of the World. Anyone holding old contest or other event logs for W6NWG should submit them.

**Next Board Meeting Location**

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of K2RP at 7pm on May 11, 2011.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Williamson KB5MU  
Secretary