

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

June 8, 2011



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:15pm at the home of Al Donlevy W6GNI. In attendance were:

President	Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Vice President	Ron Pollack K2RP
Treasurer	Georgia Smith KI6LAV
Secretary	Paul Williamson, KB5MU
Director #1	Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Director #2	Eric Hutchins K7ELH
Membership Chairman	Al Donlevy W6GNI
Repeater Technical Chairman	Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
Field Day Chairman	Greg Gibbs KI6RXX

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Georgia Smith KI6LAV distributed printed copies of the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Paul Williamson KB5MU to approve the Report as published. Seconded by W6GNI. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

KB5MU distributed printed copies of the minutes of the May Board meeting. **Motion** by W6GNI to approve the minutes as published. Seconded by Ron Pollack K2RP. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming General Meeting

K2RP reported that the July meeting will be about the recent ARISS contact held at Adobe Bluffs Middle School, presented by Jim McLaughlin, KI6ZUM. Several future programs are in the works but none are confirmed as yet.

Membership

W6GNI reported that the membership is down by two to 273. Eighty-three members who opted out of paper delivery of the Scope have not renewed.

Repeater Technical Report

KG6JEI reported that the TNC on 145.05 MHz was again reported offline just before the work party, during which it was replaced with a different TNC. He believes the new TNC is working fine. KB5MU stated that it didn't work for him.

The batteries were checked and were fine. The overall site looks very green and is in good condition. The remains of the damaged 6m antenna look like they might fall down.

Relays for power cutoff have been ordered. Design of that system is complete.

A work party is scheduled for July 10. The 6m repeater will be re-installed, along with a temporary antenna for it. Power supplies will be moved onto the wall. The 220 Club will replace a radio to solve a problem of low power output.

Art McBride KC6UQH has provided more details on the remote control circuit board he gave to KG6JEI. Some wires between buildings exist to be used in the remote control project, but it is not yet known whether they will be enough. Overall the site control project is progressing nicely.

Oceanside Resolution

KD6TUJ reported that the city of Oceanside has passed a resolution in support of amateur radio, and will present the resolution to amateurs at their meeting on June 22, and perhaps again at our Field Day site. All amateurs are encouraged to attend the Oceanside meeting.

Field Day

KD6TUJ reported that he paid a \$150 application fee to Oceanside in the attempt to secure a Field Day site, but that he still hopes to have the fee refunded. Motion by K2RP that the club reimburse KD6TUJ \$150 for the application fee. Seconded by Don Johnson WD6FWE. Motion passed unanimously.

KD6TUJ reported that site permission for the San Marcos site is in hand, in writing, signed. We still need to send them our insurance certificate.

KD6TUJ reported that the portable toilet and sink have been ordered.

Field Day Chairman Greg Gibbs KI6RXX reported that we may have some CW operators lined up. K2RP confirmed that we have "a couple". K2RP will bring the computer and rig for one CW station. It's possible that enough operators may be available to man a second CW station. KB5MU agreed that he and Michelle Thompson W5NYV would set up a station, to be used as a second CW station if operators are available. If CW operators are not available, the station will operate digital modes.

Motion by K2RP to authorize up to \$100 for petty cash and gasoline expenses for Field Day, to be spent at the discretion of KI6RXX. Seconded by WD6FWE. KG6JEI proposed an **amendment** to increase the amount to \$150; K2RP and WD6FWE agreed. Motion **passed** unanimously as amended.

There was some discussion about presenting a certificate to operators who make some number of contacts at the GOTA station. Eric Hutchins K7ELH stated that he has a number of blank certificates available.

W6GNI stated that both he and Scope editor W5NYV added extras to the count of Scopes to be printed, so we should have plenty of Scopes to give out at Field Day.

There was a discussion about mowing or dragging the field prior to Field Day. This was left to KI6RXX to decide.

We are still short on shelters for Field Day.

Southwest California SKYWARN

K7ELH, as regional coordinator for Southwest California SKYWARN, stated that they were seeking funds or a new antenna to replace their broken Hustler 6BTV. The replacement must be a vertical because of roof space limitations. WD6FWE stated that he could probably repair the old antenna.

Next Board Meeting Location

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of K2RP at 7pm on July 13, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williamson KB5MU
Secretary