

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

July 6, 2011



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

President	Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Vice President	Ron Pollack K2RP
Secretary	Paul Williamson, KB5MU
Director #1	Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Director #2	Eric Hutchins K7ELH
Repeater Technical Chairman	Conrad Lara, KG6JEI

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Georgia Smith KI6LAV had distributed the Treasurer's Report by email. Motion by Paul Williamson KB5MU to approve the Report as published. Seconded by WD6FWE. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

KB5MU apologized for not having the Minutes of the June meeting ready.

Upcoming General Meeting

K2RP reported that the July meeting will be about the recent YL DXpedition to Curaçao, to be presented by Michelle Thompson W5NYV (pending confirmation).

Membership

W6GNI reported that the membership is down by two to 266. July is historically a down month for membership, since until the Bylaws were amended years ago, all membership expired in June.

Repeater Technical Report

Repeater Technical Chairman Conrad Lara KG6JEI reported that a work party was held on Sunday and a followup visit was made today. The temporary 6m antenna, a vertical halfwave wire dipole wrapped in PVC pipe, is mounted at the west end of the crossarms. The 6m duplexer is probably badly tuned or in need of repair, based on SWR measurements and excess power loss through the cavities. The result is that 6m coverage is quite poor.

KD6TUJ reported that general site cleanup was done, along with many other tasks as described in the repeater site report sent out by email.

KG6JEI stated that the next step for the repeater site is to install power cutoff relays for the repeaters. He also wants to install a telephone extension in another location, where it will be accessible using only the blue keys.

KG6JEI reports that the receive filter of the 147.075 repeater is “trashed”. We could install an outboard mobile radio as an auxiliary receiver. A better long-term plan would be to build up another Micor-based repeater and replace the entire repeater.

K2RP asked for clarification about an email alluding to a desire for internet connectivity at the repeater site. KD6TUJ stated that Charlie Ristorcelli NN3V has proposed installing an HF remote base at the repeater site, and that he was scouting for antenna locations during the recent work party.

KG6JEI stated that the 145.05 MHz packet node is back up. Its transmit deviation was found to be very low. After adjustment, it seems to work fine.

Club Picnic

KD6TUJ reported that the picnic site is confirmed for Sunday August 28 in Area 4 of San Dieguito County Park. The site fee for non-profit organizations is lower than last year, \$135 instead of \$180. We'll have the HF station and tower trailer, and a hidden transmitter hunt. Note that seniors are eligible for a pass that waives the \$2 parking fee.

Donated Equipment

K2RP reported that he has received a donation to the club of equipment from an amateur's estate, including several valuable items. He had some of that equipment on display at the meeting. He asked for guidance on the disposition of the equipment, and there was some discussion. **Motion** by Don Johnson WD6FWE that K2RP be authorized to dispose of the equipment as he sees fit, provided that he keeps records of the disposition of each item. Seconded by Eric Hutchins K7ELH. **Motion passed** unanimously.

Next Board Meeting Location

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of K2RP at 7pm on August 10, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williamson KB5MU
Secretary