

# Minutes

## Palomar Amateur Radio Club

### Board of Directors Meeting

March 14, 2012



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:50pm at the home of Ron Pollack K2RP. In attendance were:

President	Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Vice President	Ron Pollack K2RP
Treasurer	Dave Ochs KI6LKP
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
Visitor	Adam Cabacungan

#### **Be Ready, Inc.**

Adam Cabacungan, Vice President of Operations at Be Ready, Inc., a disaster preparedness company based in Oceanside, made a presentation to the Board. They have seen a big increase in interest in amateur radio from CERT teams and other organizations, and they want to add amateur radio to their offerings. Adam is working on his own license, and plans to become a trainer and volunteer examiner. He has consulted with Steve Early, AD6VI, who recommended the club to him. Be Ready would like to host a regular hamfest and regular training at their store in Oceanside, and plans to carry amateur radio equipment from at least Kenwood and books from ARRL.

KD6TUJ invited Adam to attend the upcoming Operating Day to see what we're up to. Without objection from the Board, Be Ready was given permission to promote club activities in their newsletter.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

KI6LKP distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. There was a discussion of the very low interest rates currently paid on CDs. The check to the State of California for the bi-annual Statement of Information filing has not cleared yet; reportedly it takes seven weeks to process. Our checking account balance is not far above the minimum required to get free checking and other freebies. Printing and mailing the Scope are big items in the budget. IRS form 990-N and CA FTB form 199N have been filed as e-postcards.

**Motion** by KB5MU to approve the Treasurer's Report as published. **Seconded** by K2RP. Motion **passed** unanimously.

## **Secretary's Report**

KB5MU distributed copies of the minutes of the February board meeting, previously sent by email. **Motion** by KI6LKP to approve the board meeting minutes as published. **Seconded** by KG6JEI. Motion **passed** unanimously.

## **Upcoming General Meetings**

K2RP reported the April meeting will feature Joe N6SZO and Joe KE6PHB on hidden transmitter hunting. In May Dennis N6KI will talk about phone patches to Vietnam. The June meeting will presumably be about Field Day.

## **Membership**

W6GNI reported that the membership is 274. Four new members joined at the last meeting. Renewals via Paypal tend to be for multiple years.

## **Repeater Technical Report**

KG6JEI reported that there had been no repeater site visits since the snow fell. A few reports were received of the signal from the 146.730 MHz repeater being low, but this is unconfirmed. K7ELH reported some difficulty getting the Echolink system to connect to another node. KD6TUJ reported that the 6m cavities were delivered to W6HCD so that N6KI could measure them for a new insulator to center the tuning stub. KG6JEI relayed a report from KD6AKT that the NET/ROM firmware in our nodes is too old to be compatible with other local nodes, such as LOMA. The ATV system is still down due to a keying problem. A work party is tentatively scheduled for April 15.

## **Field Day**

KD6TUJ reported that the San Marcos site is almost nailed down. Lusardi wanted minor changes to the wording on the insurance certificate. Now we just need a chairperson.

## **Operating Day**

KD6TUJ reported that Operating Day is still on, for now, despite threatening weather. Red Cross, San Marcos CERT, Robert Todd, Skywarn, the PAPA system, and antique equipment from K2RP are all confirmed.

## **Sale of Donated Transceiver**

K2RP asked for approval to sell a donated Yaesu FT-767GX with 2m and 440 modules to a ham in Iowa who fixes and resells those rigs. While the price won't match what we could get for a fully-working rig, the rig we have has several things wrong with it. The consensus of the Board was that the sale would still be a good deal and that K2RP should go ahead with it.

## **SANDARC**

KD6TUJ reported on the recent meeting of the San Diego Amateur Radio Council. The Lakeside ARC has retracted their requests for funds. There will be no SANDARC booth at the San Diego County Fair, but the Lakeside ARC will have a booth for the first few days. The ARC of El Cajon has resigned from SANDARC, and their president has

resigned. SANDARC has no meetings confirmed after March, because their regular meeting room is not available.

**Next Board Meeting Location**

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of W6GNI at 7:30pm on April 11, 2012.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Williamson KB5MU  
Secretary