

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

JANUARY 15, 2014

President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ called the meeting to order at 19:14 pm at the home of Al Donlevy, W6GNI. In attendance were:

President: Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ
Vice-President: Joe Petersen, K6JPE
Treasurer: Kim Smith, KA6KIW
Secretary: Jim Cooper, NE6O
Director #1: Rich Luppucci, NI6H
Director #2: John Rotondi, WA2OOB
Repeater: Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
Membership: Al Donlevy, W6GNI
Repeater Site: Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Guest: Greg Gibbs, KI6RXX
Guest: Danny Smith, W6AOZ

TREASURER

- Kim, KA6KIW passed out the treasurer's report
- All income in December was from dues.
- We still have plus \$400 in PayPal, which will go into account this month.
- Dennis KD6TUJ, suggests there should be a separate line in the report for auction items.
- Need to check on rental income from tenants at the repeater site: America Unidos and Convair 220.
- Need make sure Scope advertising is up to date. It is not clear who and how much are in arrears. Dennis, KD6TUJ, made an executive decision to bill for only 6 months arrears and then declare everyone up to date.
- Kim has brought all the books up to date.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Conrad, KG6JEI. Seconded by Joe, K6JPE. Passed unanimously.

SECRETARY

- Jim, NE6O distributed the December Board minutes in electronic format. He did not provide physical copies.
- Joe, K6JPE moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Don, WD6FWE. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

- Joe, K6JPE and Chris, KK6CKU will do a presentation on APRS focused on Off-Road use at the February General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

- Al, W6GNI reports that our current membership is at 287.
- There are still 15 members that have not renewed for this month.
- Request from Paul, KB5MU for Domain Charge of \$30 to maintain our website. Dennis, KD6TUJ approved it under president's authority.

REPEATER

- We have not been up on hill since last meeting.
- Several sites attempting to digitally connect through PARC are having difficulty, mainly in the morning. Rich, NI6H and Conrad, KG6JEI are investigating. The distance involved appears to have something to do with the issue.
- Conrad, KG6JEI mentioned that Art, KC6UQH suggested that we may get some of our maintenance by seeing if students from local technical schools could have some real life training. Sounds like a WIN-WIN. Art, KC6UQH and Conrad, KG6JEI are researching the possibility.

SITE REPORT

- Don, WD6FWE was up on the site and looked at the site. Everything appears OK.
- Nice letter from Greg, KI6RXX with suggestions for site. Don, WD6FWE says we need to discuss items on this list and how to do it. EG: Site Survey, roof repairs, phone line, cutoff system for the batteries, door on ATV building, camera on tower, 220 repeaters, etc.
- Possible digital ATV system on cable channel 57, in the middle of 440 band, and can play with the camera on the tower.
- Motion by Rich, NI6H to support Art, KC6UQH on the ATV project. Seconded by Don, WD6FWE. Passed unanimously.
- Need manpower with cavities to move them, lay them down, and stretch them out. Need work on center spacer of tuning rods by cutting air gaps in spacers to improve Q. This may improve issues with 6 meter repeater.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rich NI6H suggested that we do Not proceed with D & O Insurance with March Insurance because of all the exclusions in the policy.
- Rich, NI6H has returned the \$900 check made payable to March Insurance to the Treasurer.
- Rich, NI6H likes errors and omissions insurance to cover our multiple events. We presently add riders for events with no limitations as to number of events.
- Conrad, KG6JEI moved to rescind the prior motion to purchase directors and officers insurance. Motion died for lack of second.
- John, WA2OQB offered to do some follow-up research.

YUMA HAMFEST

- The Yuma Hamfest will be held on February 14 & 15, 2014

VE

- Carlsbad did not know about VE sessions when testers and testees showed up.
- Carlsbad is setting up new system and this appears to be the cause of the problem.
- Dennis, KD6TUJ has been told that all VE sessions approved for the 2014 year.

NET CONTROL

- K6RJF, training director with ARES, has requested that we add to our preambles: “If you are a new ham and would like to test your radio please push the transmit button and give your callsign, then release the transmit button and listen for further directions.”

HAM HELP NET

- Lynn is resigning and suggests that Brian, AG6CF, take over as net manager. Joe, K6JPE thanks him for his service.
- Moved by Joe, K6JPE to approve Brian, AG6CF as the Ham-Help Net Manager. Brian is a member of PARC and meets the criteria for the position. Seconded by Conrad, KG6JEI. Passed unanimously.

SCOPE

- Joe, K6JPE showed a printed sample of SCOPE with inkjet color as printed by TBD for perusal by the board.
- The board will ask TBD to do the next printing.

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- Dennis, KD6TUJ will continue with the project.

FIELD DAY

- Dennis, KD6TUJ appoints Greg Gibbs as the official Field Day Chair for PARC 2014 FD.

Next month's board meeting will be the second Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the house of Al Donlevy, W6GNI and will start at 7pm.

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 21:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Cooper, NE6O
Secretary, Palomar Amateur Radio Club

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