



Minutes
Palomar Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
October 14, 2015

President Charlie Ristorcelli NN3V called the meeting to order at 19:01 pm at Poway Fire Station #3.
In attendance were:

President : Charlie Ristorcelli NN3V
Vice President: Joe Peterson K6JPR
Secretary: Gary Kent, W6GDK
Treasurer: Richard Thompson KJ6WUY
Repeater Site: Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Repeater Technical: Mark Raptis KF6WTN
Director #1: Greg Gibbs KI6RXX
Scope Editor: Michelle Thompson W5NYV
Membership Chair: Glen Christensen KJ6ZQH
Guest: Paul Williamson KB5MU
Guest: Phil Karn KA9Q
Guest: Michael Gottlieb KF6HCL
Guest: Sandy Pratt KK6EED

TREASURER

- Richard KJ6WUY presented the September treasurer's report.
- Most dues are being paid via Paypal.
- The treasurer's report was accepted as filed .
- Last Scope was mailed out at a cost of \$289 which was covered by Charlie as a donation.

SECRETARY

- Gary W6GDK passed out copies of the September 2015 Minutes.
- Minutes were approved.
- The October 7 General Meeting minutes were approved.

REPEATER TECHNICAL REPORT

- Mark hasn't been to the site for a few weeks. Has done some work on a battery load leveler.
- DR1 thermal assessment has not yet begun.
- 2 DR1s in service, one is back from repair, one for events is in the shed at Tow Wizard, one for Mark for thermal.
- Suggestions to troubleshoot interference on 146.73 included swapping returned repeater for the current machine, or place ferrites on everything in the building.

MEMBERSHIP

- Glenn is trying to reconcile the number of members. Current count is either 244 (website) or 286 from list.
- Is concerned on establishing a business continuity plan for membership management.
- Will start migrating data base management system from Alpha 5 to Libre Office.

SCOPE

- Long discussion regarding whether to mail just one short single page printed scope or two more. Paul likes the stickiness of a printed copy but only if we can afford it. This topic revisited in Continued Business. Conclusion – 2 one page letters (October was the first one) and that ends the printed version.

REPEATER SITE REPORT

- Painted the building and painted a reflective roof on the sunken building.
- Everything is in fair condition at this point. Might want to check tension on the guy wires.

NEW BUSINESS:

FACEBOOK

- Michelle discussed the administration of the Facebook page. Conrad was removed after three rounds of complaints about the tone and content of his posts. He can still read but can't post. Michelle is the admin. Biggest concern that by posting on the PARC Facebook page rather than his own, it gives the appearance of PARC condoning his post. The club has no liability for other people's posts per KF6WTN.
- Facebook group was a board approved attempt to take advantage of social media.

CALLSIGN Use and approvals (W6NWX). Must notify the trustee before use of the callsign per Part 97.

CONTROLLERS FOR REPEATERS A member is willing to donate an S-Com controller for use with the DR1 repeaters. Mark will study what is involved in interfacing the controller.

DRAFT REPEATER USE REQUEST - was sent out but no comments. Please read.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

K6JQE needs a printed Scope. Does not use a computer. Glen will print a "one of" and mail it to him.

501.c3 –

We need to establish objectives for the club to take advantage of the 501.c3 and possible grants etc. Charlie will arrange some special board meetings in January to discuss business operations of the club.

SCHOLARSHIP -

Gayle K6GO will talk with the board next year.

BYLAWS

Committee identified specific needs for updates. Plan to remove section 15.b. A copy of the recommendations has been sent to all committee members and the BOD. Would like to get this done by end of the year. Board will review at the next BOD meeting. Next Bylaw committee meeting is November 1, 2015.

OPERATING DAY

November 7th. Need someone to transport sign work and banners. K6RCW is taking care of calling porta potty people. Insurance has been delivered to Tom and FRYs.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Members are KB6NMK, K6GO, WB6IQS, AG6CF, W5NYV

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS

November - Conrad KG6JEI on ARDEN (Mesh Network)

December is elections and social

Al Donlevy

Redacted due to sensitivity of personnel matters.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SYSTEM and PHASE FOUR

W5NYV would like to reinstate the committee chair system. Introduced Phil Karn KA9Q to head up the mesh network committee working under the Repeater Technical Chairman. The Phase Four project is continuing. Hardware will be put in the refrigerator building with the antenna mounted on the telescoping tower. Michelle will give a program on Phase Four at the January meeting.

IO ERRORS

NN3V enlightened the BOD to the hazards of not programming the FTM-400 carefully. Appears to be and ID Ten T issue or possibly a Layer 8 issue.

SALES TAX

Per KD6TUJ Auction proceeds are apparently subject to the 8% sales tax because we are acting as the seller. This needs to be considered for next year.

POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Currently a cap of 20 points. Suggested that cap stay at 20 points but BOD members are disqualified for accumulating points for BOD meeting attendance. Points system is an incentive for members to participate. KF6HCL suggested giving anyone buying a radio at HRO that is not a member of PARC gets a free 1 year or 6 month membership to PARC. Other discount ideas bantered about. No actions were taken on any ideas.

Next BOD meeting –November 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Poway EOC, 13050 Community Road. Lots of parking available.

Meeting adjourned at 21:30 by NN3V.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resulting action of this session was to issue a letter of TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP, which included an opportunity to be heard prior to the termination. This hearing will be set for Nov 11, 2015.

Gary Kent W6GDK
Secretary, Palomar Amateur Radio Club