

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2010



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:23pm 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	Conrad Lara KG6JEI
Visitor	Bernie Lafreniere N6FN

Secretary's Report

Secretary Paul Williamson KB5MU distributed copies of the November Board meeting minutes as emailed by last year's Secretary, Gary Kent W6GDK. **Motion** by KB5MU to approve the minutes as published. Seconded by Ron Pollack K2RP. Motion passed, with Conrad Lara KG6JEI abstaining.

KB5MU distributed copies of the December general membership meeting minutes as emailed by last year's Secretary W6GDK. **Motion** by KG6JEI to approve the minutes as published. Seconded by KB5MU. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

KB5MU distributed copies of the Treasurer's report as emailed by the Treasurer, Georgia Smith KI6LAV. It showed a reimbursement to Dennis Vernacchia N6KI of \$68.76 for parts used to refurbish the Club's 20m antennas, charged against the *Rptr Maint* account. It was agreed to ask KI6LAV if there might be a more appropriate account for this charge. A question was raised about why we maintain a telephone line at the repeater site. It is for convenience and safety for workers at the site, and can also be used for repeater control. **Motion** by KB5MU to approve the Treasurer's report subject to a possible adjustment of the account for the N6KI reimbursement. Seconded by Director Don Johnson WD6FWE. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming General Meeting Program

KD6TUJ reported that the January general membership meeting program would be presented by Michelle Thompson W5NYV on antenna modeling with her SWAT team.

Membership Report

No membership report was available.

Appointment of 2011 Committee Chairs

KD6TUJ announced his intention to re-appoint Al Donlevy W6GNI as membership chairman and W5NYV as Scope editor, if they are willing to serve. KG6JEI said he

would be willing to serve as repeater technical chairman. No appointment for repeater technical chairman or repeater site chairman was announced.

Repeater Technical Reports

KD6TUJ mentioned receiving a report of a problem with the Club's 147.075 MHz repeater. KG6JEI said he has spot-checked the repeater without discovering any problem.

KG6JEI reported on the status of the 52.68 MHz repeater. The antenna was found in even worse condition, so Art McBride KC6UQH turned off the repeater to prevent damage. KG6JEI recommended that the repeater be removed from the repeater site and given an overhaul while its antenna is out of service. He believes that the connections to the mobile control heads of the transceivers cause problems.

KD6TUJ reported that KC6UQH has reinstalled the amateur television (ATV) repeater, but that it is not linked to any other locations. KG6JEI said that KC6UQH does not currently plan to re-install any of the linking equipment, but that if someone is interested in doing so he would assist.

EchoLink Proposal

Bernie Lafreniere N6FN proposed connecting one of the Club's repeaters to the EchoLink VoIP system. The main technical issue is blocking the repeater identification and courtesy tones from going out on the Internet link. N6FN said that KC6UQH believes this could be managed easily with simple cut-and-jumper modifications to the repeater controller board. Because a standalone EchoLink node would require a fast Internet connection, not readily available at the repeater site, all other equipment would be located elsewhere. The Board **agreed** by consensus that N6FN be authorized to operate an EchoLink node on the 447.0 MHz repeater on a test basis.

Kids Day

KD6TUJ reported that approval had been received from the City of San Marcos to use Double Peak Park for the Kid's Day operation on January 2. The ranger was concerned about how spread out we were at the last Operating Day, so we'll try to be more compact this time. Tim Higgins KJ6BWX is taking the lead, backed up by Steve Early AD6VI. KJ6BWX is trying to get media coverage. KD6TUJ will bring out the tower trailer and other equipment.

Oceanside Antenna Ordinance

KD6TUJ reported progress on the Oceanside antenna ordinance. A meeting was held with several Council members and about twenty others, with strong interest from the Council members and a good question-and-answer session. Council members seemed impressed to learn about the engineering paperwork already provided by tower manufacturers.

Membership Campaign Proposal

K2RP noted that the upcoming 75th anniversary party at the February membership meeting would be a good opportunity to reach out to local hams who might join. He proposed a direct mailing to about 1300 hams in surrounding zip codes. KB5MU

expressed a concern about restricting our recruiting to only a small part of the county. No action was taken.

Call for Scope Articles

KB5MU relayed the request from Scope editor W5NYV for more articles for the Scope.

Future General Meeting Program

K2RP announced that the March (or maybe April) meeting program would feature Bob Blumberg K4RB, a stalwart CW operator who operated from many exotic locations while working for USAID. He will talk about an IOTA expedition to an Indonesian island with a group of Indonesian hams.

Monthly Nag

KG6JEI asked KD6TUJ if the generator auto-start was installed and working yet. KD6TUJ did not dignify this question with an answer.

Next Board Meeting Location

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of KB5MU at 7pm on January 12, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williamson KB5MU
Secretary