

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

July 18, 2012



The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ at 7:49pm at the home of Ron Pollack K2RP. In attendance were:

President	Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Vice President	Ron Pollack K2RP
Secretary	Paul Williamson, KB5MU
Treasurer	David Ochs, KI6LKP
Director #1	Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Membership Chairman	Al Donlevy W6GNI
Repeater Technical Chairman	Conrad Lara, KG6JEI

Treasurer's Report

KI6LKP distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. **Motion** by KB5MU to approve the Treasurer's Report as published. **Seconded** by K2RP. Motion **passed** unanimously.

The phone bill still shows two lines. One of these is for the BBS, which has been down "forever". KI6LKP agreed to cancel service on that phone line.

Secretary's Report

KB5MU distributed copies of the minutes of the June board meeting, previously sent by email. KG6JEI noted that he gave the Repeater Technical Report, not KD6TUJ. **Motion** by KG6JEI to approve the board meeting minutes as corrected. **Seconded** by K2RP. Motion **passed** with KI6LKP abstaining.

Upcoming General Meetings

K2RP reported that the August meeting is scheduled to be presented by Fred Brown on his noise canceler, featured on the cover of QEX. September and November meeting programs are TBD. October is the auction.

Membership

W6GNI reported that the membership is 270, up five. Thirteen memberships are expiring this month. KD6TUJ reported that Joe N6JO is recruiting new members in Oceanside. Should we offer free memberships for new hams? Or at least issue them a special invitation to join. Costs and benefits?

Repeater Technical Report

KG6JEI reported that the thermostat was again found inexplicably cranked up. Excessive temperatures might (or might not) explain the rash of controller resets. The repeater site was mapped out. The 6m antenna was examined and partially repaired.

Gopher holes were spotted near the entrance to the generator building. The power system has been converted to DC, but the ventilation system is still powered by AC and needs to be converted. How much power does this require?

MS Bike Ride

Operators are needed for a bike ride in October to benefit Multiple Sclerosis. We'll ask them to provide a blurb to publish in the Scope.

Newly Licensed Marine

We've received a request from another club to assist a Marine who recently moved from their area to ours. WD6FWE and KD6TUJ both reported that they contacted him with offers of assistance.

D-STAR Operating Day

The PAPA system is sponsoring a D-STAR simplex operating day. The information has been forwarded for publication in the Scope.

PARC Operating Day

We'd like to reschedule the rained-out Operating Day at Fry's for sometime in November before Thanksgiving. KD6TUJ is talking with the managers at Fry's.

Club Picnic

KD6TUJ has reserved the picnic site at San Dieguito County Park. KI6LKP's wife has obtained the gift certificates for drawing prizes. Joe and Joe have agreed to run a simple transmitter hunt at the picnic. Gina has agreed to cook. **Motion** by K2RP to approved up to \$125 for food for the picnic. **Seconded** by WD6FWE. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Field Day Expenses

KI6LKP reported that Gina has not billed the club for Field Day expenses, but is believed to have spent more than expected. The club would like to reimburse these expenses.

501(c)(3) Status

K2RP reported that he consulted with his wife about obtaining 501(c)(3) non-profit status for the club. There is a filing fee of \$400, plus \$20 each year and a required tax return. Club finances would have to split into two separate accounts, one for charitable purposes and the other for routine operating costs. KB5MU stated that the Board should review any completed forms before they are filed.

Donated Estate Equipment

K2RP reported that a silent key's estate worth \$1500 to \$2000 was donated to the club. He'd like to give club members first dibs on the equipment, and/or a slight discount. The Board discussed various ways to handle donated gear.

Next Board Meeting Location

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the home of K2RP at 7:30pm on August 8, 2012.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williamson KB5MU
Secretary