

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

June 12, 2013

President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ called the meeting to order at 19:33 pm at the home of Al Donlevy W6GNI. In attendance were

President: Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ
Secretary: Jim Cooper. NE6O
Director #1: Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Director #2: Rich Lippucci, NI6H
Repeater: Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
Membership: Al Donlevy, W6GNI
Guest: Joseph Peterson, K6JPE

TREASURER

No treasurer's report since Teri was not here

SECRETARY

- Jim, NE6O submitted the minutes for the May meeting for review and correction.
- Several corrections were suggested and included.
- Don, WD6FWE **moved** to accept the minutes as corrected. **Seconded** by Al, W6GNI. **Passed** unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

- Dennis, KD6TUJ states that the next general meeting will be on EME Digital Operation.

MEMBERSHIP

- Al , W6GNI reports that our current membership is at 289.
- Dennis, KD6TUJ requested the board's approval to purchase from ARRL plastic display holders for full page and tri-fold for use at Field Day and other club events. The cost comes out to \$32. Since this sum is less than the Presidents discretionary amount, no approval is necessary. There were no objections

NEW BUSINESS

- Joseph Peterson, K6JPE has expressed interest in being appointed to fill the VP until the next club election
- Joe runs the 4x4 net on Tuesday evenings. He has been actively helping people to get their ham licenses.
- President Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ appoints Joseph Peterson to fill the VP position for the remainder of the term.

- **Motion** by Don, WD6FWE to confirm the appointment of Joseph Peterson, K6JPE as Vice President for remainder of term. **Seconded** by Conrad, KG6JEI. The motion **passed** unanimously.

REPEATER

- Conrad, KG6JEI went up to Palomar 3 weeks ago and did a swap on 075 power amplifier. He then cranked the new amplifier to 75 watts. It is still few dB below 073. Conrad suspects there is possible water damage to antenna. We will test all antennas and feedlines at same time and mark coax lines for easy identification.
- Started partial inventory of key items. Cavities, power supplies, circulators, bandpass/reject cavities, controllers, etc. Art, KC6UQH told Conrad that several cavities were replaced several years ago. Conrad will provide a list to interested parties.
- The 073 repeater has been doing lots of 'p's lately. Conrad suspects that the controller is having issues. He will continue troubleshooting.
- Conrad states we need a full site shutdown for tower climb. This would be good time to check everything. Looking for additional qualified tower climbers.
- Did a courtesy fan swap for Estados Unidos other repeater.
- The generator project is continuing.

SANDARC

Dennis and Conrad going down to SANDARC. New management team in place in May. D & C want to gift SANDARC with a Roberts Rules of Order. This falls under President again.

FIELD DAY

- Dennis, KD6TUJ states that everything sounds in good shape.
- Greg, KI6RXX will schedule start at Tow Wizard at 9am to prepare for the 11am start at the FD site.
- All other preparations will start at the Field Day Site at 11am.
- Charlie, NN3V submitted bill for winch for \$102.77 for the final winch for our towers. This is covered by an existing motion. Al, W6GNI is writing the check.
- Conrad, KG6JEI questions the priority of the GOTA station. GOTA will use Jim, NE6O new Hexbeam antenna.
- The Boy Scout merit badge communication requirements will probably be on 144 and 440. More than 30 Boy Scouts are expected. The first three Boy Scouts getting their licenses will be given a new handheld radio. If there are more than three there will be a raffle.
- Greg and Charlie will take the lead for safety officer. The emphasis will be on training and safety. Ideally we will go sequentially from one tower to the next with a full crew. At tear down will make an effort to store antennas in an orderly manner.
- Loren mentioned that the Young Marines asked if there is anything they can do to help.
- We are getting two restroom and a sink station.
- Our lease allows a maximum of 50 people on site.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rich, NI6H wants to go 501C3. His research shows that BusCentralUSA charges \$678 to make 501C3. They will file within ten days corporation for 501C3, bylaws, and other stuff.
- Rich will get answers about questions brought up during discussion.
- Rich states Ron quit because there was no coverage for BOD. The board members can be sued for many more reasons. It would cost \$900/year for \$1 million coverage to cover all of the board members.
- Dennis believed that the BOD was covered by our existing insurance. This is not the case. He will check.

Next month's meeting will be at the house of Al Donlevy, W6GNI

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Unanimous motion to adjourn at 21:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Cooper, NE6O

Secretary, Palomar Amateur Radio Club