

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

December 10, 2014

President Dennis Baca KD6TUJ called the meeting to order at 19:05 pm at the home of Al Donlevy, W6GNI. In attendance were:

The present board is passing the torch to the new board.

President: Charlie Ristorcelli, NN3V
Past President: Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ
Vice President: Joe Petersen, K6JPE
Secretary: Gary Kent, W6GDK
Past Secretary: Jim Cooper, NE6O
Treasurer: Richard Thompson KJ6WUY
Past Treasurer: Kim Smith, KA6KIW
Director #1 Greg Gibbs, KI6RXX
Director #2 Jim Cooper, NE6O
Past Director #2: John Rotondi, W6JBR
Membership: Al Donlevy, W6GNI
Repeater Site: Dennis Baca KD6TUJ
Guest: Danny Smith, W6AOZ
Repeater Chair: Conrad Lara KG6JEI

New President Speech

- Charlie, NN3V called for round of applause for Dennis for his work.

TREASURER

- Kim, KA6KIW submitted the treasurer's report.
- Year to year we have a couple hundred dollars greater expense than revenue due to events, food, etc during the past year. Three new runs of coax, signs and table skirts.
- The treasurer's report was accepted as filed.

SECRETARY

- Jim, NE6O handed out copies of the November Board Minutes.
- **The November Board Minutes were filed as corrected.**
- **Dennis took minutes of the October Board.**

NEXT MEETING

- January will be John Sonneberg on current radio technology and how it relates to Amateur Radio.
- Ron, K2RP may present on how to refurbish radios.
- Howard, KY6LA on new SDR radios
- N6EEG talk on Baofung radios
- Conrad may do a talk on MESH, what is it, why do I want to do it, how do I do it, what do I need
- Bill, K1CT may give talk on NBES

MEMBERSHIP

- Al, W6GNI, reports that membership is at **266, down 7** from last month.
- Our website has been attacked and Paul is working on correcting it. Al is about 4 weeks behind due to this attack.
- Discussion on methods to distribute renewal notices.

REPEATER TECHNICAL

- The five repeaters have been ordered.
- Work part three weeks ago installed 5 GHz mesh panel and verified link to Qualcomm and Double Peak. Performing near what has been calculated.
- All repeaters functional and closed up for winter.
- Discussion of location of replaced repeaters for backup.

SITE REPORT

- Don reports that the site is still there.
- Work on batteries
- There is 5KW generator belong to club with potential to convert to propane. Also considering commercial generator with ability to switch propane tanks able to back up for 8-10 days.
- Can run on batteries about two weeks at normal use.
- Six meter repeater refurbished by Conrad and placed up on site. Still working to get it working as desired.

OLD BUSINESS

- The nominating committee results reported at last meeting. The election will be at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider Elmer awards from ARRL.
- Dennis and others will go SANDARC and still offer PARC lead for the Convention.
- President Charlie, NN3V appoints
 - Michelle as newsletter editor as non-voting board member
 - Membership will be Al
 - Technical Chair Conrad
 - Dennis as Repeater Site Chair

- Greg moves to approve appointments, Seconded by Joe, Passes unanimously.
- Charlie, NN3V wants action item to firm up programs at least up through April.
- Joe has the KM6PE donation of R7 vertical and wishes to re-locate it.
- Operating Day will be this Saturday at Fry's. Setup at 7. Event starts at 9. Pictures desired.
- Carlsbad Village Faire another coming up May 3, 2015, Reservation is \$200 space fee.
- Steam Maker Event last Saturday. Set up station near hole in building wall for antennas and also near door. Next will be 3 days long at start of October down in Balboa Park. They want us to participate.
- February 13, 1936 is club's 79th birthday

Next month's board meeting will be the third Wednesday, January 21, 2015 tentatively at the house of Al Donlevy, W6GNI and will start at 7pm, 19:00. This is a one time change.

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 21:33.

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

As corrected

Gary Kent W6GDK