

Minutes

Palomar Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

President Dennis Baca KD6TUI called the meeting to order at 19:13 pm at the home of Al Donlevy, W6GNI. In attendance were:

President: Dennis Baca, KD6TUI
Vice-President: Joe Petersen, K6JPE
Treasurer: Kim Smith, KA6KIW
Secretary: Jim Cooper, NE6O
Director #1: Rich Lippucci, NI6H
Director #2: John Rotondi, WA2OOB
Repeater: Conrad Lara, KG6JEI
Membership: Al Donlevy, W6GNI
Repeater Site: Don Johnson, WD6FWE
Guest: Danny Smith, W6AOZ

TREASURER

- Self insured account. We did not put money in last year. When the CD rolls over, Dennis wants to put \$1200 into account to cover this year and last year. Current value of CD \$6835.36.
- Discussion of need to take inventory of all equipment on the hill in order to figure out how much we need to self-insure.
- Motion by Dennis, KD6TUI to put \$1200 from checking into the self-insured CD for this year and last year when it rolls over. Seconded by Don, WD6FWE. Motion passes unanimously.
- Treasurer report filed without objection.

SECRETARY

- Jim, NE6O distributed January Board minutes.
- Joe, K6JPE moved to accept as amended. Don, WD6FWE seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

- At the March meeting Dr. Harry Richter will discuss extreme long distance communication. He will talk on how NASA communicates with the Voyager spacecraft.

MEMBERSHIP

- Al, W6GNI, reports membership is at 289, up by 2 from last month.

REPEATER

- The FAA has upgraded radar services. Our 1241 ATV is a secondary user and we need to change. Dennis arranged a hands-on test and found that the repeater was not working properly. The problem may be up on the tower and difficult to access. Once operable, he will contact the FAA and re-test for interference.
- Conrad, KG6JEI reports that the earlier SCRUBA question was about a 900 MHz repeater that was considered in the early 1980's not implemented. We are releasing our claim.
- Conrad has received email from TASMA that refers to a previous trustee from years ago. Conrad asks Michelle to refill the forms to make sure TASMA has correct data.

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FIELD DAY

- Greg is out of town on training.
- Last year's site has not been confirmed since it might be in potential construction.
- Two band captains confirmed.
- Work parties are needed to inventory equipment and repair equipment
- There is an open question whether our Field Day category. May run 5A with GOTA. If we run 4A, 10 meters could be dedicated for GOTA minimizing band sharing conflicts.
- Will "Daisy" be available this year for carrying tower water.
- Consider transmit band-pass filters for all stations.

NEW BUSINESS

- San Diego Six-Shooters will be Explore Mission Trails Day on Saturday May 17, 2014 and asking if anyone at PARC would like to help. Conrad, KG6JEI is going down there to support and others are welcome.
- The Red Cross Net was does not appear to be active on our repeaters. Dennis, KD6TUI will contact the net control station to encourage them to use the reserved net on a rotational basis.
- Joe, K6JPE is considering relinquishing the 4x4 net since interest has been minimal.
- Dennis, KD6TUI is looking into an operating day at Fry's tentatively scheduled on Saturday, April 26, 2014.
- Joe, K6JPE sent out email from his insurance agent describing insurance. The agent said it probably will not be something that an organization like us would not need.
- Research and discussion about insurance is continuing.
- Motion by Joe, K6JPE to rescind previous motion to buy insurance pending further evaluation. Seconded by Don, WD6FWE. Motion carries five for, two abstentions.
- Dennis, KD6TUI says 501C3 has been reviewed and he will be actively getting into it on Friday.

Next month's board meeting will be the second Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the house of Al Donlevy, W6GNI and will start at 7pm.

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 21:19 pm.

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