



Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club (SBARC)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2008

Call to order Start: 7:03 PM  
Stop: 9:08 PM

SBARC Club President Michael Ditmore / W7HUT determined that the meeting could start since there were enough Board members present for a quorum.

**Attendance**

Absent	Present	Position	Name	Sign
	x	President	Michael Ditmore	W7HUT
	x	Executive Vice President	Tom Saunders	N6YX
	x	Vice President of Operations	Harry Rouse	K6PDQ
	x	Vice President of Emergency Services	Will Tefft	KG6DHK
	x	Vice President of External Affairs	Al Soenke	WA6VNN
	x	Vice President of Education / Training	Robert Pizzi	KI6KXU
x		Secretary	Bruce Touzel	KG6SZT
	x	Treasurer	Cindy Engel	kA7UIA
	x	Director-at-large	Dennis H. Schwendtner	WB6OBB
	x	Director-at-large	William B. Talanian	W1UUQ
	x	Director-at-large	Darryl A. Widman	KF6DI
	x	Director-at-large	Bruce Gordon	N6OLT
	x	Director-at-large	Marvin Johnston	KE6HTS
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**Guests present**

Dave Hackleman / K6VML

Approval of minutes:

[2/13/2008 Board Meeting](#)

Since the minutes were emailed out to the Board members by the secretary, it was decided to forego the reading of the minutes.

President Ditmore asked if there were any corrections to the 2/13/2008 minutes.

- no comments given

Michael asked if anyone would make a motion to approve the February 13, 2008 Board minutes as presented.



**Motion:**

To approve the February 13, 2008 Board minutes as presented.

**Result:**

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

***Correspondence***

- none

***Treasurer's report***

Treasurer's report for February 2008 was emailed to the Board for review by Michael Ditmore on March 11.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- 1) Income & Expense
- 2) Balance Sheet

**Motion:**

Approve the treasurer's report as presented.

**Result:**

Motion was made by Will Tefft / KG6DHK  
Second by Marvin Johnston / KE6HTS  
Motion passed by unanimous consent.

***Committee reports***

Vice President of Operations – K6PDQ

Barbara Ireland Walk For Breast Cancer event April 26 <http://www.theirelandwalk.com/>

Vice President of Emergency Services – KG6DHK

ARES has record membership. Planning for the Montecito Evacuation Drill on April 26

External Affairs – WA6VNN

Nothing new



### Repeater Services – W1UUQ

Bill discussed plans on the expansion of the repeater site (147.69) downtown which has been there for 32 years and is in poor condition. Plans would require 5 rack footprints.

Santa Ynez Peak has a 25 foot tower site (about 150 feet away) available from the Forestry Services for SBARC to own & operate at little cost (approx \$100). This can also be shared with UCSB since they need this as well.

#### **Motion:**

To authorize approximately \$100 to Bill for processing the site lease to SBARC.

#### **Result:**

Motion was made by Al Soenke / WA6VNN

Second by Darryl Widman / KF6DI

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

### Education & Training – KI6KXU

Have six students. New educator's manual is available and has been ordered.

New laptop is up and running with powerpoint slides working on projector.

### Program Committee – N6YX

March 21 – Cyril Johnson explains CODAR (Coastal Ocean Dynamics Applications Radar)

April – possible DX Expedition presentation with live speaker, or informational DVD

### **Old Business**

#### Bylaws Committee meeting – N6YX

Committee team:

Darryl Widman KF6DI, Bruce Gordon N6OLT, Will Tefft KG6DHK, Harry Rouse K6PDQ, and Tom Saunders N6YX

Goal was to change the Bylaws to also allow emails as an acceptable notification method to the members.

The proposed amendment to the ByLaws are presented below:



Proposed Amendment to Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club By-Laws  
March 12, 2008  
Proposed Amendment Approved by SBARC Board

1. Add new Article II. DEFINITIONS after current Article I.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

Written notice shall be sent by any of the following methods:

- a. Post office mail.
  - b. Written message by carrier.
  - c. Electronic email.
2. The current Articles II through XII shall be re-numbered to III through XIII.
  3. Article IV Section 3, re-number reference to Article V to Article VI.
  4. Article VI Section 1, change :  
*notice of any such meeting having been mailed to each voting member in advance of the meeting.*  
To :  
*written notice of any such meeting sent to each voting member at least one week in advance of the meeting.*
  5. Article VI Section 4, change :  
*Any Officer or Director may resign by written notice to the Board mailed to the usual address of the Club.*  
To :  
*Any Officer or Director may resign by sending written notice to the Board.*
  6. Article XII, change 'mailed' to 'sent'.
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The reason for this is the ability to replace post office mailing with electronic email. We need to be aware that not all members have email capability.

A draft recommendation needs to be approved by the Board and amended in accordance with the current Article XII.

**Motion:**

To approve the proposed draft amendments to the Bylaw for presentation at the next SBARC meeting.

**Result:**

Motion was made by Tom Saunders / N6YX

Second by Darryl Widman / KF6DI

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

***New Business***

**Hamfest – K6VML**

Dave gave an update on the expected budget and plans for this year.

**Motion:**

To authorize approximately \$7500 budget towards Hamfest 2008..

**Result:**

Motion was made by Al Soenke / WA6VNN

Second by Harry Rouse / K6PDQ

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Field Day – N6YX**

Planned for fourth weekend in June at the church field near the Stowe House.  
BBQ after field day on the Sunday afternoon after takedown.



## Key Klix – KF6DI

Darry presented his thoughts about Key Klix to the Board by email on March 10. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the hardcopy.

A Letter To My Friends  
by Darryl Widman, KF6DI

The other day, I spoke with one of our long-time members. He called and, among the other conversation, I told him that I had missed seeing him at the last two SBARC meetings. He seemed surprised to hear that we had held club meetings since the first of the year. He had not heard about them. I asked if he did not read about them in *Key-Klix*. He said that he hadn't received them for a long time. I asked if he had renewed his dues and he said that he had. Then I explained about getting *Klix* on our web site. He doesn't use the computer much at all, it seems.

My friends, we used to have 200, 300, 400 and even 500 active members who were brought up to speed by reading our beloved newsletter from their mailbox. They did not have to remember to go online to find it. I am afraid that in order to save some money, the club has cut its own throat. True, we had to pay Loren, WA6ISS, to do the monthly printing and folding. We had to pay for all that postage. We had to put together a team that would sort the pages, staple them, put the address labels on them and get them to the Post Office for mailing. It was indeed a team effort and there is nothing wrong with that. We called it the "Lickum Stickum Party." And in the final scheme of things, we had one helluva healthy club! *Key-Klix* was admired by other radio clubs all over the country. I know, we heard from them.

It is time to get this issue back on the table and watch what it can do for SBARC. Having 28 to 32 pages was not unusual. I have all the back issues since the eighty's and they are good reading, still. I would gladly sacrifice those pretty colored pictures for a membership that is way up into the many hundreds!

The first time it was brought onto the table to have *Key-Klix* online instead of in print, I might have been the only naysayer on the SBARC Board of Directors. I have never regretted my stance. I still believe it to be in the Club's best interest to go back to printing our beloved publication and get it into the hands of our members, potential members and others interested in our activities and ham radio in general in the Santa Barbara area. We also mailed it to ARRL Headquarters, to our Division leaders and Section leaders. We mailed it to *Worldradio* magazine, to *CQ* magazine and to other Amateur Radio clubs who asked for it. Those were the days of the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club being Numero Uno compared to all other Amateur Radio clubs. I kid you not. Can you really think of any good reason why we could not be there again?

It saddens me a bit to see our club membership growing by onesy-twosy's. We will never get to where we are a truly great club in that manner. You do know the County Superintendent of Schools Auditorium on Cathedral Oaks -- we used to hold our meetings there and fill the room. It's a big room and we did fill it up. I can remember rolling out the huge carts which held the tables. I can remember rolling out the chairs so all the folks could sit down. Ask Jug, WA6MBZ. He will remember setting up those tables and chairs before every meeting. We finally caught on to the fact that he needed help in setting up the room and we began coming earlier to do just that. Another team stacked all those chairs up again and rolled them back into the room to the side of the stage after the meetings and collapsed the tables, put them on the carts and rolled them all under the stage. It was great. The coffee pot held enough coffee for 200 cups and we nearly always emptied it. The dessert table offered numerous choices by those who brought goodies. What a time! So here we are with perhaps 35 in attendance and we wonder why. I have a very good reason.



***Adjournment***

President Ditmore said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.

**Motion:**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Result:**

Motion was made by Al Soenke / WA6VNN

Second by Marvin Johnston / KE6HTS

President Ditmore declared the motion was approved by general consent and, whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.