



Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club (SBARC)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2008

Call to order Start: 7:11 PM  
Stop: 8:27 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**

- none

Approval of minutes:

[3/12/2008 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 3/12/2008 minutes.

- no comments given

Michael asked if anyone would make a motion to approve the March 12, 2008 Board minutes as presented.



**Motion:**

To approve the March 12, 2008 Board minutes as presented.

**Result:**

Motion made by Marvin Johnston / KE6HTS

Second by Will Tefft / KG6DHK

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

***Correspondence***

- none

***Treasurer's report***

Treasurer's report for March 2008 was emailed to the Board for review by Michael Ditmore on April 9 2008.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- 1) Income & Expense
- 2) Balance Sheet

Bruce Gordon / N6OLT said total amount of memberships dues didn't seem to add up. Cindy Engel / KA7UIA will look into it.

**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

Harry gave an update to the Board:

[MS Walk & Run](#) at Leadbetter Beach on April 5 went very well.

[Barbara Ireland Walk For Breast Cancer](#) event is on April 26



Field Day location is going to be at the Ellwood School grounds

Vice President of Emergency Services – KG6DHK

Will gave some logistical updates of the Montecito Evacuation Drill set for April 26

External Affairs – WA6VNN

Nothing new

Repeater Services – W1UUQ

Bill and Bruce discussed La Vigia Hill building plans and the island project.

Bill sent an update out to the Board on March 30 2008 by email:

3/30/2008

To: SBARC Board of Directors  
From: Bill Talanian, Director, Repeater Services  
Subject: The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Over the past 30 years that SBARC has been resident on Santa Cruz Island (SCI) it has cost many dollars for the upkeep of our repeater and remote base system. Typically this cost is central to the issue of continuing to maintain a system at Diablo Peak on an Island that is extremely isolated. This has required a great personal sacrifice by many Club members with certainly no regrets as it is a unique advantage to be at a superb telecommunications location.

We are now working closely with TNC in coming up with a License Agreement for the next 10 year period. The continued presence of SBARC on the Island is contingent upon a cooperative arrangement in which both organizations visualize distinct advantages. To this end I have selected an area which SBARC can support within the means available.

In all these years on SCI SBARC has done little or nothing to enhance or give back anything to the Island whether it was under Dr. Carey Stanton or the Conservancy. While we have done personal favors to those we work with on SCI there is nothing to suggest that we have done much to enhance the infrastructure of TNC in an area that we know best.

Two years ago I found an ideal opportunity to play a part on behalf of SBARC when it became known that Verizon was contemplating leaving Diablo which would leave the TNC with virtually no communications. It was evident that the TNC desperately needed a stand-alone VHF based Business-Band communications system for their own internal communications. Since no one system can provide full communications to all points on the Island it made good sense to layer various forms of communications for the best redundancy. The Island is rugged and has at any one time up to 50 people in various capacities doing research and studies. The potential for injury accidents on the Island is not exaggerated and summoning help is distinctly tied to communications.

With surplus assets in our hands we have been able to cobble up a complete GE Mstr II Repeater and duplexer which will be installed at Diablo Peak within the next two months soon as the FCC license is received. To complete the "system" there are a few additional areas of direct support that SBARC can provide. Both our organizations operate under the same 501 IRS rules so it is not inconsistent that funding for this added equipment could be legally provided by SBARC. Shortly, I will submit a list of needed commercial grade communications equipment to the Board. Your support will be necessary to ensure that future Amateur Radio operations from SCI is viewed in a positive image.



#### Education & Training – KI6KXU

Robert gave his update to the Board:

There were about 11 students that attended, nine of them were younger than 35.

Total of 5 sessions held on Saturdays.

#### ***New Business***

#### Rob's Promo – KE6HTS

Marvin passed around hardcopy proposal for review & feedback from the Board.

#### ***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 Harry Rouse / K6PDQ

Second by Dennis Schwendtner / WB6OBB

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