



Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club (SBARC)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2008

Call to order Start: 7:06 PM
Stop: 9:14 PM

SBARC Executive VicePresident Tom Saunders 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

Linda Haggard
Ken Owen – N6KTH

Approval of minutes:

[6/24/2008 Board Meeting](#) (taken from previous minutes)

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 6/24/2008 minutes.
- in the Agenda, remove "Treasurer" from Tom Saunders position title



Michael asked if anyone would make a motion to approve the June 24, 2008 Board minutes as corrected.

Motion:

To approve the June 24, 2008 Board minutes as corrected.

Result:

Motion made by Marvin Johnston / KE6HTS

Second by Al Soenke / WA6VNN

Motion passed by general consent with one abstention by Darryl Widman KF6DI because he said he did not receive an email copy of the minutes.

7/9/2008 Board Meeting

Since the minutes arrived too late for the August 13 Board meeting to review, it was decided to forego this until next Board meeting on September 10.

Correspondence

- none

Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report for July 2008 was emailed to the Board for review by Michael Ditmore on August 13 2008. Cindy has returned from her trip and was present to comment.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- 1) Income & Expense
- 2) Balance Sheet

Cindy said she is still receiving money from Hamfest.

She also brought a copy of the membership dues reconciliation report. Tom thought it would be better if Cindy could email the report to the Board members.

Seymour Duncan KD6HKO provided a generous monetary gift of \$1000 during Hamfest and Cindy would send out a thank you letter.



Motion:

Approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Result:

Motion was made by Marvin Johnston / KE6HTS

Second by Robert Pizzi / KI6KXU

Motion passed by general consent.

Committee reports

Repeater Services – W1UUQ

A master application was filed with the City for the concrete structure at La Vigia Hill site. Received final approval of structure with some conditions to be announced by the City. SBARC will be responsible for its own electricity costs.

Interference issue seems to have gone away and Bill will continue to monitor it.

Vice President of Operations – K6PDQ

Harry gave an update of events:

- 1) Santa Barbara Fiesta Parade had some radio communication issues with line of sight
- 2) Santa Barbara Triathlon on August 22 - 24

Education & Training – KI6KXU

Robert gave his update to the Board:

General class is about two thirds done, about 10-12 people.

Possibly having an Extra class in the spring.

Planning in process for the International Space Station event.



Vice President of Emergency Services – KG6DHK

Will gave a summary of the latest ARES meeting.

Property Management – N6OLT

Bruce expressed concern about the lack of control of assets moving about the club without any records and authorization. Equipment needs to be registered.

External Affairs – WA6VNN

Nothing new

Program Committee – N6YX

September – experimental HF communications at very low frequencies

October – astronomical imaging by the Santa Barbara Instrument Group

November – Elections, and Special Interest Group presentation

January – presentation on the national traffic system

Rover – N6YX

Thinking more about the addition of a dedicated HF radio (funds previously allocated), specifically the [Elecraft K3 transceiver](#). There is a four month delivery time.

Bazaare – KE6HTS

Event was held this year on July 12 at Marvin's home.

Marvin reported a profit of \$1,050.00

Old Business

- none



New Business

Nomination Committee – N6YX

Darryl Widman KF6DI - Chair

Marvin Johnston KE6HTS

Michael Barber – Tom needs to confirm with him

Porta-Peater – N6OLT

Bruce spoke about this unit not working very well and proposed improvements to make it legal for unattended operation. Bruce provided a list to the Board to review.

Motion:

Approve funding of \$500 towards the repair of the porta-peater.

Result:

Motion was made by Al Soenke / WA6VNN

Second by Marvin Johnston / KE6HTS

Motion passed by general consent.

Rover Repeater – N6YX

Tom talked about adding a portable repeater in the Rover.

Advantages: Rapid deployment, self-contained, 60 foot telescopic antenna mast for good signal, operator control point.

Vehicle Rust Repair – N6YX

Tom talked about rust issues on the 3 vehicles: Rover, large communications van, and the power generator trailer. Bill explained that historically, the large communications van had severe rusting issues from the inside-out and they had to send it to a professional auto body shop. Al suggested to give priority to the Rover since it is newer and can be saved in time. Bruce recommended a special applicant that worked well.



Adjournment

Executive Vice President Saunders 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 Dennis Schwendtner / WB6OBB

Exec VP Saunders declared the motion was approved by general consent and, whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.