



## Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2009

Meeting Location: Bishop's Storehouse, 791 N. Pepper Ave., Colton CA 92324-1800

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Holmes at 7:09 PM.

The opening prayer was given by Jim Dowdle

The following directors, constituting a quorum, were present at the meeting:

Craig, N. Holmes, President  
Aaron M. Scullin, Vice President  
Mark R. Hayden, Secretary  
James L. Dowdle, Membership Chair  
Joe Parrino, Repeater Chair  
Michael K. Sorensen, Board Member at Large  
James L. Burton, Board Member at Large  
Jared R. Case, Board Member at Large

Nyles G. Peterson, Treasurer was absent

Guests: Karl Moody, AE6TO, Thousand Oaks California Stake Communications Specialist, Carl McClaine, KF6BWL, Colton Storehouse Manager

Reading of the Minutes

**Action Item No. 1: MSC (Dowdle - Holmes)**

The Minutes of the January 14, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Secretary read the Treasurers report dated 31 January, 2009. There is a balance of \$5,750.48 in the checking account at this time, including a store credit of \$17.53 at HRO .

## Action Item No. 2: MSC (Hayden - Burton)

The Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

### Reports of Officers

#### a) Report of the President .....Craig Holmes, KF6ZAF

1. **An EchoLink station is now at the Colton Storehouse.** Craig announced that he and board member Jared Case are installing a computer dedicated for EchoLink in the radio room at the Storehouse in Colton. We have most of the cat 5 cable run but need to finish going through the wall, install the computer and get the IP address from Salt Lake.
2. **Older radios useful to SCIRA.** Craig told the board that donated older Kenwood 7950 radios would be useful to SCIRA and should be pursued. Mark explained that these 45 watt radios are being found at various Church facilities, no longer used because of their limited PL capabilities and limited memories. Carl McClaine suggested that this obsolete equipment should be given to the Storehouse and he would make it available to SCIRA.
3. **Important Upcoming Meetings.** Craig reported that the SMA coordination committee may have its mind made up to deny Joe the use of the 220 MHz he had at Palos Verdes. The next SMA meeting was to be held in Long Beach on February 21, 2009 and good showing by the SCIRA board was important. Aaron was to go to the TASMA meeting as he is a voting member.
4. **Fountain Valley Update.** There is only one piece of equipment needed, a controller for the Fountain Valley repeater. Joe will have the repeater ready soon.
5. **MARA reactivation.** Craig mentioned briefly that he sees a benefit to get the old Mercury Amateur Radio Association reactivated but the task could be daunting. Much of the MARA equipment was taken over by various agencies over time and has since been lost.
6. **WinLink.** Craig reported about the potential use of WinLink for the Association.
7. **SCIRA Membership Dues.** Craig led a discussion of the distribution of dues. Refer to Agenda Item No. 7 of the President's Report for February 18, 2009. Guest member Karl Moody mentioned that as a lawyer he recommends that dues be not earmarked as it could open SCIRA to law suits if the donor disputes the use of their donation. Since this issue involves the Treasurer, it was decided to table further discussion and a vote on Action Item No. 3 until the Nyles could participate.

**Action Item No.3: MSC (Scullin – Hayden) TABLED.** All membership dues collected by SCIRA Inc. is to be deposited into the general fund of the organization. All other monetary donations not related to membership dues shall be deposited into the general fund **unless specifically earmarked by the donor.** Acceptance of earmarked donations shall be at the discretion of the board.

Action Item No. 3a: MSC (Holmes – Dowdle) Discussion of action Item No. 3 will be postponed until next meeting.

b) Report of the Vice President .....Aaron Scullin, K6AMS

1. **Blog placement on website.** It was decided that Aaron and Mike would work out the technical aspects for placing the Blog on the website that was acceptable to both of them and bring their plan to the board at the next meeting.

Action Item No. 4: MSC (Hayden - Parrino) The Membership Chair will manage general membership access rights to the SCIRA, Inc. Google Group.

Note: Membership Chair is Jim Dowdle.

2. **Youth Net.** Aaron thanked the board for its support of the Youth Net.
3. **T-Shirts, Hats, and Patches.** Aaron expressed his concerns that SCIRA is falling behind on issuing some of the member benefits associated with the higher levels of donation. He recommended that the Membership Chair keep a list of who needs and who has already received their membership benefits.

Action item No. 5: MSC (Scullin – Sorensen) The Membership Chair will track individual members receipt of “member benefit items” in addition to individual membership data.

Action Item No. 6: MSC (Hayden – Scullin) The board authorizes Jim Dowdle to make an initial patch order from most cost effective choice as selected by the board.

4. **TASMA Application.** Aaron mentioned that the application for frequency coordination of the Running Springs repeater will be presented at the February 28 TASMA meeting that he would be attending.
5. **San Diego site:** Aaron reported that the negotiations on the San Diego repeater site are ongoing and proceeding normally.
6. **Eagle Tower Projects.** Aaron reported that fundraising for the Eagle Tower foundation was going well, with about \$6,500 raised so far. Shipment of the tower base has been delayed by the recent storms. Alex Scullin will be starting on his Eagle Project next week after he advances to his “Life” Boy Scout rank. His project will involve the assembly of the tower. More details will be forthcoming.

c. Report of the Secretary.....Mark Hayden, N7YLA

1. **Bi-Stake Technician Class to benefit SCIRA, Inc.** Mark reported that the Glendora and Hacienda Heights Stakes would be conducting a Technician Class on March 20 and 21, 2009 in Glendora at the Oakbank Building 120 N. Oakbank Drive. Class is from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday. Registration deadline is March 7. All **Instructional**

fees will be donated to SCIRA. Jim Burton and Jim Dowdle will be the co-instructors. A VE test session will be held on Wednesday March 25 at 6:00 pm at the same facility. Walk-ins welcome. Contact Mark for information.

2. **Radio Propagation reports for the Eagle Tower.** Mark presented Aaron with a set of propagation maps that he had prepared showing the links from the proposed Eagle Tower to other repeaters within the SCIRA system.

d. **Report of the Membership Chair..... Jim Dowdle, KG6TQT**

1. **Handouts:** Jim gave the board copies of his latest membership roster. SCIRA now has 91 members in the Association, an increase of 19 since his last report. The roster showed that there are three sustaining members (\$500) and one contributing member (\$100). Jim also distributed copies of a member benefits chart he had prepared.
2. **Recognition of Eagle Projects:** Jim proposed that the Running Springs tower project be officially named **Eagle Tower**. He also proposed that upon completion of the project a dedicatory plaque be permanently affixed at the tower honoring prospective Eagle Scouts Blake and Alex Scullin.

**Action item No. 7:** MSC (Dowdle – Scullin) The tower in Running Springs will be named “Eagle Tower”

**Action item No. 8:** MSC (Hayden – Sorensen) A dedicatory plague recognizing Blake Scullin and Alex Scullin for their Eagle Scout Tower Projects will be placed at Eagle Tower in Running Springs, CA when the projects are completed. Jim Dowdle will prepare a design and get estimates on a prototype for board approval . Jim will also prepare an outline for the dedication ceremony for board approval.

e. **Report of Special Guest Member Karl Moody, AE6TO.**

Background: Karl Moody is the Stake Communications Specialist for Thousand Oaks. He has been very active in his calling over the years and has conducted or helped to conduct local and regional Church conferences on emergency preparedness and emergency communications. He indicated that he works with governmental agencies in Los Angeles on Emergency Preparedness and is in the legal profession.

Karl thanked the board for the Chatsworth Repeater and said it will be a valuable asset in communications with the Sylmar Storehouse.

Karl explained that the main reason for his visit was to ask the SCIRA, Inc. board if it would be interested in helping to co-produce an area wide **Emergency Communications Conference** that would include approximately 100 Stakes from all of Southern California. He is proposing the conference to be held in late July or early August 2009 at the Thousand Oaks Stake. His concern is that there has not been such a conference in over a decade which has resulted in a lack of coordination or standardization of emergency communications procedures among the Stakes. He said that some Stakes don’t even know what the term “ERC” means. The conference would present training workshops targeted to Stake emergency preparedness and

communications leaders. The goal would be to promote a homogeneous communications plan. The conference would provide the attendees with valuable samples and handouts. Karl mentioned the successful regional ERRS conferences of the past that were spearheaded by Carl McClaine and others. Karl said that in 1994 the First Presidency sent a letter to the Stakes in Southern California stating that they were the most at risk but the least prepared of all the Stakes in the Church.

The President thanked Karl Moody for his presentation and indicated that the board would take his report under advisement. Since the time was late it was decided to postpone discussion until next meeting.

e. Report of the Repeater Chair.....Joe Parrino, N6WZK

1. **Repeater Maintenance:** Joe reported on the maintenance that he had performed on the Running Springs repeaters and the installation of a 220 MHz repeater. He also described his work on the Banning repeater. The repeater now has a PL of 151.4.
2. **Application information.** Joe asked for clarification of basic information required on frequency coordination applications. Craig said that the applicant should be SCIRA, Inc. and the holder of the coordination should be himself, KF6ZAF. The call sign for the Fountain Valley repeater will be W6CTR.

Reports of the Directors

f. Report of Board Member at Large .....Mike Sorensen, KI6HWQ

1. **Fundraising:** Mike presented “SCIRA Fundraising Guidelines” for discussion and vote. Since there was little time left in the meeting to discuss and re-word the six points as Action Items, and since the Treasurer’s input would be needed on this proposal, it was decided to delay further discussion and vote until the next board meeting.

g. Report of Board Member at Large .....Jim Burton, KG6VBM

No report

h. Report of Board Member at Large..... Jared Case, KD6YPD

Due to time constraints, Jared agreed to postpone his report until the next Board meeting.

Closing Comments.....Craig Holmes, KF6ZAF

The next SCIRA, Inc. Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the Colton Storehouse at 7:00 pm

Craig thanked the Board for accomplishing so much at this meeting.

Closing prayer.....Mike Sorensen, KI6HWQ

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark R. Hayden, Secretary, SCIRA, Inc.

Dated February 25, 2009