



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

May 20, 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 7:15 PM.

The opening prayer was given by Craig Holmes

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

Craig, N. Holmes, President
Aaron M. Scullin, Vice President
Mark R. Hayden, Secretary
Nyles G. Peterson, Treasurer
James L. Dowdle, Membership Chair
Joe Parrino, Repeater Chair
Jared R. Case, Board Member at Large

Board members absent were:

Michael K. Sorensen, Board Member at Large

Guests: Craig introduced the mother of Aaron Scullin.

Reading of the Minutes

Action Item No. 1: MSC (Scullin - Dowdle)

The minutes of the April 15 Board meeting were approved with some corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported SCIRA, Inc. finances dated 30 April, 2009.

Action Item No. 2: MSC (Hayden - Parrino)

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

Reports of Officers

a) Report of the PresidentCraig Holmes, KF6ZAF

Information Items

1. Training Net – On hold until repeater situation is cleared up.
2. Snow Peak repeater installation – to be done this week or next
3. Fountain Valley Repeater – to be arranged with Bob LeBarge and Frank Marchese. Looking for information on Santiago Peak. If a repeater can be set up at Santiago Peak then a repeater at Fountain Valley may not be needed, so the project is in limbo.
4. San Diego site – the project is in Church hands right now as to whether SCIA will be granted a waiver on insurance.
5. Thousand Oaks Conference – Karl Moody will be in charge of conference and we are awaiting further details. SCIRA will provide an information booth at the event, which is expected to be scheduled for late July or early August.
8. Craig gave information about the recent fires in Southern California to Salt Lake via Karl Moody. No Church facilities or member homes were destroyed, and only one ward was affected by evacuations.
9. Craig recommended that the SCIRA groups should be a means of informing the members, and that he would compose a regular e-letter to members and Jim would send it out.
9. SCIRA History – Craig is looking for photos and articles on SCIRA.
10. Earl Purkiss nomination – Craig thanked the Board for all comments on the issue. Jim Dowdle remarked that there should be no rush to judgment for a replacement. There was a heated discussion on the vacancy that followed. Mark Hayden recommended that the membership be advised of the vacancy and agreed with Jim Dowdle that there was no reason to rush into a decision. Aaron Scullin on the other hand argued that an immediate replacement was the Board's prerogative and suggested that Earl has been an excellent person to work with on the repeaters already. After further discussion, the consensus was that although it was recognized that mistakes were made in promoting a candidate in the manner it was done, Earl Purkiss was nevertheless a good choice. Craig recommended that changes in the By-Laws be made to clear up any problems with filling vacancies in the future.

Action Item No. 3: MSC (Scullin – Peterson, 1 abstention –Hayden. To approve the appointment of Earl A. Purkiss to the SCIRA Board of Directors.

b) Report of the Vice PresidentAaron Scullin, K6AMS

1.Reimbursements - Aaron Scullin requested reimbursement for his recent expenses.

Action Item No. 4: (MSC Scullin – Case) It is proposed that SCIRA, Inc. will reimburse Aaron M. Scullin for his receipts totaling \$1,279.83

2.Aaron stated that he would apply for a “Critical Worker Pass” to the San Bernardino mountain areas for Earl Purkiss.

3.TASMA. Aaron stated that he has submitted an application to TASMA for coordination for the Running Springs backup repeater, but has not yet received a response. He will be attending the May 30, 2009 TASMA meeting to follow up on this and recommended that as many board members also attend as possible.

4.Eagle Tower Projects – Aaron gave a status report on the Eagle Tower Project.

Action Item No. 5: The Board of Directors of SCIRA, Inc. hereby approves the following Resolution for Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer who generously donated his professional services to the Eagle Tower project:

BOARD RESOLUTION OF SCIRA, INC.

REGARDING Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer

DULY PASSED ON May 20, 2009

The undersigned being Directors of SCIRA, Inc., hereby sign the following **Resolution:**

Whereas Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer has contributed engineering services in the amount of \$850.00 towards the development of the Eagle Tower in Running Springs, CA which will serve as a central location for amateur radio emergency communications over a wide area of Southern California,

Whereas this radio system will serve the Emergency Response Communications Network of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

Whereas this radio system will be linked to other repeaters connected to the SCIRA, Inc. amateur radio system for use by the public,

We Resolve by acclamation to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson for his crucial contribution.

Dated: May 20, 2009

Craig N. Holmes, President

James L. Dowdle, Membership Chair

Aaron M. Scullin, Vice President

Joe Parrino, Repeater Chair

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

Documents created for SCIRA, Inc. during the past month.

1. Minutes of April 15, 2009 SCIRA, Inc. Board meeting.
2. *Memorandum of Understanding* between Property Reserve, Inc. A California Corporation Sole and SCIRA, Inc, (Southern California Intermountain Repeater Association).
3. *Antenna Site and Radio Room Agreement* between W. Douglas Kunz, W6YI and SCIRA, Inc., (Southern California Intermountain Repeater Association).
4. *Board Resolution of SCIRA, Inc.* Regarding Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer and SCIRA, Inc. (Southern California Intermountain Repeater Association).
5. *Actions Passed by the Board of Directors and Members of SCIRA, Inc.* from 1/26/2008 through 4/15/2009 (17 pages).
6. *SCIRA EQUIPMENT INVENTORY* by Joe Parrino N6WZK Repeater Chair. Assisted the Repeater Chair in revisions 5-13-2009.
7. Agenda for the Board of Director Meeting of May 20, 2009.

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

1. Jim reported that there are now 84 current SCIRA members. The latest spreadsheet of members is on the Google groups.
2. Recent renewal information:
21 e-mails have been sent, 5 letters have been sent, and there have been 7

renewals.

3. SCIRA patch. Jim reported about the pricing that he obtained for patches. After some discussion the Board authorized Jim to purchase 300 patches from Butler's Patches at \$.84 per patch for a total of \$252.00 plus tax and shipping.

Action Item No. 6: MSC (Dowdle-Scullin) The Board approves the sales of SCIRA patches for \$5.00 per patch.

4. Eagle Tower dedicatory plaque. Jim asked for the Board's assistance in the wording for the plaque. He asked that a subcommittee be appointed to assist him. Aaron noted that there is no hurry for this since the dedication will most likely be in September 2009.

~~**Action Item No. 7:** The board authorizes Jim Dowdle to form a subcommittee to assist with planning and inviting the correct people to the Eagle Tower Dedication Ceremony and related events.~~

Withdrawn. Aaron and Jared will assist Jim in the planning.

California ShakeOut Planning

We need to continue more discussions on plans for the ERC Shake Out exercise to be held on Saturday October 17, 2009. JOTA is held on the same day. Need to start basic planning as soon as possible. Craig said he would post ideas on sciragroups.

General Membership Meeting

SCIRA is long overdue for a General Membership meeting. It is recommended to have a summer meeting and barbeque outdoors. The *Fred Palmer Equestrian Center* in La Verne would be a possible location for a SCIRA General Membership meeting and hamburger/ hot dog cook out. I understand that non profits can use the facility free of charge.

Fred Palmer Equestrian Center
6550 Stephens Ranch Road
La Verne

Directions : Foothill or Baseline to Wheeler. Go north on Wheeler until it dead ends. Turn right on Golden Hills Road. Go to Stephens Ranch Road. Turn left, continue past the golf course, take the gate on the right and follow the signs to Fred Palmer Equestrian Center.

Action Item No. 8: (MSC Case – Holmes) The Board authorizes Jim Dowdle and Hospitality Chair Carolyn Hayden to make tentative plans for a September 12, 2009 or September 17, 2009 SCIRA meeting and BBQ at the Fred Palmer Equestrian Center and to report back to the June 2009 board meeting for approval.

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

1. Placed two 440 repeaters on the air. One at Keller Peak testing for Snow Peak location, and the other at the Eagle Tower site and tuned both duplexers for UHF. The frequencies will be released by Craig, KF6ZAF when testing is completed and ready for SCIRA to use.

2. Chatsworth Peak 147.180- pl-186.2 is now fully functional with 440 link frequencies on Echolink again. It's ready to be interfaced with the HUB.

The node number it's using is: 339061

Call Sign: KG6GCG-L

Operator's Name: Berg Hakimian

3. Frequency Surveillance:

I'm watching every frequency in the 2 meter, 220, & 440 band myself and when something becomes available on 2 meters, especially for SCIRA to use, I will make it aware to the group. We sure can use another frequency.

The expired calls are the ones we should look at even more closely as they are good candidates for immediate placement on the air. *(Note: Please refer to Jared's list of expired licenses.)*

Seems like we can't wait around for TASMA to hand us a pair.

I would appreciate everyone keeping your eyes open for a channel in your area as I can only do so much testing from Los Angeles.

4. Eagle Tower Concerns. (Quoted)

"I am all for placing the repeater at the Eagle Tower site and I know that Aaron has done a tremendous job and has worked very hard so far, but I have my doubts about how well the repeater will perform once it is on the air."

"We need to test with the antennas up a little higher (60 feet or more). The only other solution is to get a professional RF site survey. I'm looking into this now."

"I hate to see SCIRA spend a lot of money on an installation that may not work, and if I didn't say anything I wouldn't be doing my job. I have helped to install over 20 repeater systems and I know just about how close to the edge of a hill an antenna needs to be in order to work correctly."

Joe presented a video to show how the Eagle site is in a hole on a slope blocked by some hills and pretty far back. Craig thanked Joe for his input and said that we would make

the location work for SCIRA despite this problem. The consensus was that the Eagle Tower project was well along in development and would have to move forward.

Joes final comment was “I know there are a lot of us who have our hearts set on this project, but all I'm trying to do is make the Board aware of the situation and not brush it off before more money is spent on the Eagle Tower repeater.”

Reports of the Directors

f. Report of Board Member at LargeMike Sorensen, KI6HWQ

No report. Absent

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

Jared showed the Board a copy of the NEC Guidelines and noted that he would make them available for use by SCIRA.

Closing Comments.....Craig Holmes, KF6ZAF

Craig thanked the Board for the meeting.

The next SCIRA, Inc. Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Colton Storehouse at 7:00 pm

Closing prayer.....Jim Dowdle, KG6TQT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hayden

Dated June 15, 2009

