



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERMOUNTAIN
REPEATER ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 1592, Running Springs, CA 92382

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2011

7:00 PM

791 N. Pepper Ave., Colton, CA 92324-1800

Attending Board Members:

- Craig N. Holmes – President
- James L. Dowdle – Vice President
- Aaron M. Scullin – Secretary
- Kris Scullin – Treasurer
- Michele Hunt – Membership Chair
- Bob Moore – Repeater Chair
- Jared R. Case – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/12)

Absent Board Members:

- Earl Purkiss – Member at Large Director (Term Ending 12/11)
- John Hunter – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/13)

Members Present:

- Cliff Christenen
- Joe Waite, KD6YWK

I. Welcome & Call To Order – Craig N. Holmes

- a. Time – 7:07 PM

II. Invocation

- a. By Aaron

III. Approval of Minutes

Action Item (1): It is moved that the Board approve the May 18, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Kris Second: Jim Voting: 100% in favor

IV. Treasurer's Report – Kris Scullin

- a. Review current Financial Statements

Action Item (2): It is moved that we approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Aaron Second: Michele Voting: 100% in favor

Action Item (3): It is moved that we ratify and renew the membership of Daniel Breig based upon his quarterly payroll deduction donations to SCIRA, Inc. rather than have him fill out membership paperwork again.

Motion: Craig Second: Bob Voting: 100% in favor

Action Item (4): It is moved that the Treasurer make an adjustment in the amount of \$7,000.00 to the financial records to reclassify the previous donations intended for Snow Peak project by David Able from the General fund to the Snow Peak Fund.

Motion: Kris Second: Aaron Voting: 100% in favor

V. President's Report – Craig N. Holmes

a. Repeater Updates

- i. Eagle Tower – Solar panels will hopefully get installed near the end of August.
- ii. Snow Peak – The jammers moved to the output. It is their M.O. to move around from frequency to frequency and from input to output and back again. Aaron reported that he is receiving multiple complaints from the membership relating to the poor audio quality of the repeater system. Members reported that they are unable to hear or make contact with the ERC net control during weekly nets through Snow Peak. They are having to resort to using Eagle Tower. After lengthy discussion the board determined that an additional kerchunker filter (repeater controller) and duplexers are needed to clear up the situation noted by the membership. It is likely we will need 2 sets of duplexers as each link is on it's own set of frequencies. This will proceed one step at a time. The Board approved the purchasing of a repeater controller (\$450) to be installed at the Snow Peak location and additional filters for the linking location in Ontario (\$400). Bob offered to check and see if one of his sources could get us filters at wholesale price. Several Board members present expressed their strong desire to only purchase new or only equipment in top condition. They do not want to install poor quality equipment no matter how good the price may seem. Craig expressed his need for several Board members to help him do some testing. Both Kris and Jim offered to schedule a time to do this in the coming weeks most likely after the upcoming ERC conference.
- iii. Los Angeles – The system still needs to be linked in with the other repeaters. Before this can happen, Bob and Joe proposed raising the antenna and mast higher to improve performance. Board members agreed that this would be a good idea. Bob is planning on purchasing a single band antenna and moving it higher.
- iv. Fountain Valley – Craig is concerned that TASMA may cancel our 2M RFC at this location. We need to find an open 440 MHz pair as a replacement. Once this is done, the 2M equipment at this location will be moved to the Eagle Tower site.
- v. San Diego – Close to having ready it to go. Batteries for the site will be sent soon. We have 3 old gel cell batteries for San Diego. When funds become available from their donations we need to purchase new AGM batteries.

- vi. Piute Peak – Project is currently on hold.
- vii. Command Module – Supplies needed (Antennas, HF, VHF/UHF, TNC updated IO board). This module will stay in Colton Storehouse until a need arises. When a disaster occurs the plan is to deliver it to the disaster area for use. Several Board members raised concern regarding who will stay with the equipment and operate it. Also concerns were raised regarding the feasibility of actually moving it to a site following a disaster.
- viii. ERC & SCIRA Logo patches for Command Module – Considering the other projects underway, the Board decided to hold off on spending any funds for decals for the time being. It was suggested that a simple computer printed sign be attached to the module for the ERC conference.
- ix. ERC Conference – Jim will prepare a presentation on SCIRA for the meeting.
- x. Upland Emergency Preparedness Fair on October 22nd – Jim will prepare and bring information on SCIRA to this event. Jared volunteered to help and attend too.
- xi. Reported a need for a new set of NHR-7 Controller cables made to have as a backup.
- xii. Training Net – Board decided to put the net on hold for now pending membership desire to start up again.

VI. Vice President Report – James L. Dowdle

- a. Will attend August ERC Conference. He will teach a class and have SCIRA information available. Presentation will make attendees aware of SCIRA, Inc. and it's purpose. Recruit new membership.
- b. Upland Emergency Preparedness Fair – Will attend on October 22nd at the Upland Stake Center. Focus on making attendees aware of SCIRA, Inc. and it's purpose. Recruiting new memberships. Asked if any other SCIRA Board members could attend? Contact Robert Patzold, Upland Stake HC KJ6OND 909-982-9265
- c. Encouraged all board members to invite and help at least one person per month join SCIRA, Inc.
- d. Developing a CD with all the information a ham needs to register with BSA as a Radio Merit Badge Counselor. Including the merit badge workbook and all the paperwork and tips to assist Boy Scouts earn the Radio Merit Badge. Also including information on J.O.T.A. (Jamboree on the Air), which is held on the 3rd Saturday of October each year. This year is the 54th J.O.T.A.
- e. Reported on the successful ARRL Field Day in June and asked if any Board members had participated. None were able to other than Jim.

VII. Secretary Report – Aaron M. Scullin

- a. Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) radio demonstration using the Kenwood TH-D72 HT. Members present were invited to see the radio work after the meeting.
- b. Reported that the current clothing inventory includes 4 hats and 1 burgundy sweatshirt. Discussion was made regarding the desire to make an order for more shirts prior to the ERC conference.

Action Item (5): It is moved that SCIRA, Inc. purchase 24 T-Shirts to be ready for sale at the upcoming ERC Conference.

Motion: Aaron Second: Jared Voting: 100% in favor

- c. Handed out an updated SCIRA, Inc. Brochure Rev 13.0
- d. Website – Reported that SCIRA can have password-protected pages if wanted. This will cost \$10-15 more dollars a month to do.
- e. A sample SCIRA, Inc. Facebook page was created for the Board to see and approve it's use of. If approved it will be added to the Brochure and website

Action Item (6): It is moved that SCIRA adopt and use the displayed Facebook page to help market SCIRA and inform membership of activities etc.

Motion: Kris Second: Michele Voting: 100% in favor

- f. Invited the Board to Check-in during weekly ERC nets.
- g. Aaron cautioned that the Board will not be meeting again until October 19th and asked everyone to consider meeting previously to that date. The Board agreed that they would consider this after the ERC conference is over.
- h. Aaron expressed a concern over the recent approval by TASMA for repeaters in the Running Springs area. SCIRA, Inc. is currently on the waiting list in position #2 and has been for quite some time now. Aaron agreed to draft a letter in behalf of SCIRA expressing the Board's disapproval of coordination stations ahead of ones already on the waiting list.

VIII. Membership Chair Report – Michele Hunt

- a. Membership update – 59 members. Michele expressed her concern that it appears that several memberships have not been renewed and that she suspects it's because of the previously mentioned poor repeater system quality. Other Board members expressed the same concern.
- b. She mentioned that it is time for another newsletter. She would like articles delivered to her by August 15th. It would be a good idea to mention the ERC conference and new Facebook page.

IX. Repeater Chair Report – Bob Moore

- a. Bob's comments are included above under the LA repeater site.

X. Member at Large Report – Jared R. Case

- a. Reported that he installed equipment at his work site and can hit all the repeaters from there (LA, ET, SP).
- b. Recommended that SCIRA have a demo repeater installed at the ERC conference. Board discussed that we probably don't have enough time to implement this by then.

XI. Strategic Plan – Kris Scullin

- a. Update and prioritize list of projects based upon meetings discussion.

Action Item (7): It is moved that we approve the updated Strategic Plan and the following expenditures.

Description:	Amount not to Exceed:
NHRC-7 Controller (SP location)	\$450.00
Duplexers (Ontario link location)	<u>\$400.00</u>

Total: \$850.00

Motion: Michele Second: Aaron Voting: 100% in favor

XII. Adjournment

Action Item (8): It is moved that we adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Motion: Kris Second: Bob Voting: 100% in favor

XIII. Benediction

a. By Kris

2011 Calendar:

- August 6th ERC Conference
- October 15th Shake Out Exercise
- October 19th Board & General Membership Meeting
- November 16th Board & Annual Membership Meeting

Minutes taken by Aaron