



1682 N. Solano Ave., Ontario, CA 91764

Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019 6:30 PM
12160 Philadelphia Ave, Mira Loma, CA

Current Board Members:

Stephen Lang – President (Interim)
James L. Dowdle – Vice President
Jim Gallacher – Secretary (Interim)
Marcus Piquet – Treasurer
Jim Gallacher – Computer Web Specialist
[Open] – Membership Chair
Jared R. Case – Technology Chair
Tom Thomas – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/19)
Wayne Jolley – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/20)
Dale Hanks – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/21)

Board Members Present: (names)

Stephen Lang, Jim Gallacher, Marcus Piquet, Tom Thomas, Wayne Jolley, Dale Hanks

Board Members Absent: (names)

James L. Dowdle, Jared R. Case

Membership Present:

None

I Welcome & Call to Order – Stephen Lang

A Time: 6:38 pm

II Invocation

A By: Stephen Lang

III Approval of Minutes

A Review minutes from July 17, 2019 Meeting.

- 1 Action item (1): It is moved that the membership approve the minutes from the July 17, 2019 Meeting.
- 2 Motion: Wayne Jolley Second: Jim Gallacher Voting: Unanimous affirmative

IV Treasurer's Report – Marcus Piquet



A Review current Financial Statements. DEFERRED

1 Action item (2): *It is moved that we approve the Treasurer's Report*

2 Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voting: _____

V President's Report – Stephen Lang

A St. Ynez Repeater (bench testing and installation schedule)

1 Bench testing

- a The repeater came from Bridgecomm preprogrammed but must be tested prior to delivery to the remote mountain-top location
- b Steve intends to arrange a time with Craig Holmes so that the bench testing of the repeater equipment can be done in Corona at Steve's business location
- c Tentative dates are September 26 or 27 in the afternoon
- d Steve has most all of the equipment including 3 (AGM batteries) and Craig has the rest
- e All board members are invited to assist

2 Installation

- a Tentative installation dates are October 26, November 2, or November 9.
- b Santa Barbara helpers will be encouraged to assist

B Mt. Ord Completion

- 1 Attempts to communicate with Mike Collis have been unsuccessful
- 2 Mike stated he can finish by himself what little there is yet to do to complete the repeater installation and configuration
- 3 We need a proposal from Mike so this repeater can be finished and included in the SCIRA system

C Stakes using repeaters for regular nets

1 Open Repeaters

- a Generally, any "open" repeater owner wants traffic on their repeater
- b Any repeater is to be operated according to the repeater trustee's intent. The SCIRA board is the trustee of the SCIRA repeater system
- c The SCIRA repeaters are open and are available for regular amateur radio operations including individual conversations (QSO's), these are even encouraged
- d Any regularly held net on any SCIRA repeater is to be regional or multi main unit (stake) in nature
- e In times of emergency operation, the SCIRA repeater system needs to be used for regional communication and not for smaller local units (like a single stake)



- (i) If any stake or ward uses the repeaters on a regular basis, they would naturally expect to use them for emergency communication within their main unit which is not the purpose of the SCIRA repeater system
- (ii) Emergency communications of the wards needs to be simplex, using relays when necessary
- f If a main unit declares that they require a repeater for communications, they are welcome to purchase their own and use it as they see fit (within FCC and the local repeater coordinator regulations and agreements)
- 2 Simplex is to be primarily used
 - a Unit (ward) ham operators should know how to communicate with other unit hams using simplex
 - b Even in an emergency, the main units (the stake) need to use simplex within their main unit
 - c A point of contact for the main unit may use the repeater system for reporting to the ERC base
 - d The FCC recognizes that simplex should be the primary choice (see T2B12 on the current exam)
- 3 Action item (3): It is moved that the SCIRA repeaters be open for normal amateur radio communications which is to be encouraged, and the regularly held nets be restricted to regional nets which cover large area multi main unit nets. The intended function of the SCIRA repeater system is wide-area emergency communication. The SCIRA repeater system is not for main unit (stake) nets unless the specific main unit net has been arranged and approved by the SCIRA board.
- 4 Motion: Tom Thomas Second: Wayne Jolley Voting: Unanimous affirmative

D Nets (simplify and improve)

- 1 Question: What can we do to improve the quality of the nets?
- 2 Any major changes ought to be done when the entire net structure is changed
- 3 Tom Thomas provided a handout
 - a Weekly Net Modifications
 - (i) Eliminate the Monthly BCS net
 - (ii) Expand (and rename) the Colton ERC net to include areas covered by Pleasants Peak repeater
 - (iii) Revise the net roster, eliminating people no longer alive or living (in our coverage area)
 - (iv) Eliminate the monthly simplex net
 - (v) Eliminate the reporting of local simplex net results
 - (vi) Narrow the list of assigned NCO's to qualified (experienced, competent, willing, properly equipped) operators
- 4 Since we do not know when or how the emergency communications system under the local Seventy will be restructured, we will proceed with some changes
 - a The weekly net is to be called the So. Cal. ERC net



b Current planned changes are to take effect on the net on Sunday, December 1, 2019

5 Action item (4): It is moved to work through the proposed changes as noted in the handout “Weekly Net Modifications” from Tom Thomas.

6 Motion: Jim Gallacher Second: Tom Thomas Voting: Unanimous affirmative

E Shakeout Exercise for October 19th

1 Steve stated the shakeout communication in 2018 worked well from his office in Corona

2 The “Field Day” version was too complicated

3 The shakeout exercise in 2019 will only include a communications check

4 Directions will include how to report data in the Google Sheets documents instead of on the air

F November elections

1 Tom Thomas accepted the assignment to contact the board and conduct the elections

AFTER MEETING UPDATE: Reviewing the By-laws and minutes of past meetings it was determined that Dale Hanks should be responsible for the elections in 2019. He has accepted and started his duties.

VI Vice President Report - James L. Dowdle

A No report submitted.

VII Secretary Report – Jim Gallacher

A No report submitted.

VIII Computer Web Specialist Report – Jim Gallacher

A No report submitted.

IX Membership Chair- [Open]

A No report submitted.

X Technology Committee Report - Jared Case

A No report submitted.

XI Member at Large Director - Tom Thomas

A No report submitted

XII Member at Large – Wayne Jolley

A No report submitted.

XIII Member at Large - Dale Hanks



A No report submitted.

XIV Strategic Plan – Stephen Lang

A Update and prioritize list of projects based upon meeting discussions.

1 Action item (5) It is moved that we approve the updated Strategic Plan and the following expenditures:

Description:

Amount not to exceed:

- Move Pleasants Peak repeater from 2019 to 2020 and update the amount \$ 3,000

2 Motion: Stephen Lang Second: Tom Thomas Voting: Unanimous affirmative

Priority	Current Projects	Site/location	Est. Cost	Budget Year
1	Antenna & Circulator	Palomar	\$ 2,300.00	2019
2	Edison per year	Jobs Peak	\$ 720.00	2019
3	Edison per year	Eagle Tower	\$ 300.00	2019
4	Batteries	Snow Peak	\$ 200.00	2019
5	NARCC, SCRIBBA, TASMA	Reg. as SCIRA inc.	\$ 45.00	2019
6	Insurance	General	\$ 895.00	2019
	Total		\$ 4,460.00	
Future Projects				
7	Repeater	Pleasants Peak	\$ 3,000.00	2020
8	Links for Eagle Tower & Contractors		\$ 750.00	
9	Batteries & charger	Los Angeles	\$ 200.00	
10	2 meter Repeater System	Bakersfield	\$ 3,500.00	
11	440 Repeater System+NHRC	Bakersfield	\$ 5,450.00	
12	Repeater	Portable 440	\$ 2,000.00	
13	Radio Emergency Equip.	Misc	\$ 300.00	
	Total		\$ 12,200.00	
Grand Total			\$ 16,660.00	

XV Adjournment

A Action item (4) it is moved that we adjourn at 8:05 pm

1 Motion: Dale Hanks Second: Jim Gallacher Voting: Unanimous affirmative



XVI Benediction:

A By: Wayne Jolley

Calendar

October 16 SCIRA Board Pre-elections Review

November 20 SCIRA Annual Meeting/elections.

ERC Events for 2019:

August 3 ERC conference

October 19 ShakeOut

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Prioritized Strategic Plan