



Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022, 6:30PM
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

This board meeting is being conducted via Zoom as a safeguard against the continuing Corona Virus pandemic. All board members attending are visible with full audio.

Board Members (present and absent):

President:	Stephen Lang (present)
Vice-President:	Open
Secretary:	Darrin Dalton (present)
Treasurer:	Marcus Piquet (absent)
Technology Chair:	Mike Guymon (present)
Membership Chair:	Clint Hunter (present)
Member at Large (term thru 2022):	Tom Thomas (present)
Member at Large (term thru 2023):	Wayne Jolley (present)
Member at Large (term thru 2024):	Dale Hanks (present)
Web Specialist:	Jim Gallacher (absent)

SCIRA Members Present at Meeting:

No Members Attended Meeting

i. Welcome and Call to Order: Stephen Lang

Time: 6:35 PM
Invocation: Mike Guymon

ii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2021 Meeting

Action: Motioned that the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting be approved.
Motion: Wayne Jolley
Second: Tom Thomas
Vote: Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)



iii. Treasurers Report: Marcus Piquet

Review of current Financial Statements
No Financial report provided for meeting
No vote to approve financial report taken
Motion:
Second:
Vote:

iv. President's Report: Stephen Lang

a) The following were submitted and approved by board vote to fill open bard positions:

Vice-President:	Tom Thomas
Secretary:	Clint Hunter
Motion:	Stephen Lang
Second:	Wayne Jolley
Vote:	Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)

- b) Stephen Lang is working with Ken Fawson to fill the open member at large position and Keith Harrington to fill the open membership chair position
- c) Stephen Lang will meet with Elder Douglas Rozsa in May to finalize plans for 2022 Shakeout Exercise.
- d) Discussion regarding holding the 2022 ERC Conference virtually if it cannot take place in person this year due to the continuing pandemic. The board felt this was a good option. The board previously discussed a theme for the conference of developing Stake Communications specialist capabilities.

v. Repeater Report

a) **Pleasants Peak Repeater**

No discussion during meeting, repeater is performing well at this time.

b) **Snow Peak Repeater**



The repeater is off the air and the repeater equipment and cabinet are at Jared Case's home for evaluation. The repeater equipment will not be able to be reinstalled until the snow melts due to access constraints at the repeater site.

The board discussed acquiring a new Bridgecom repeater and lithium batteries that will provide 24 hours of back-up at low power. Mike Guymon agreed to prepare a cost estimate that can be submitted to the board for approval prior to the next scheduled meeting.

The hope is that the new equipment can be acquired and configured during the next two months so we can we access the repeater site again we are prepared to install the new repeater system.

c) Eagle Tower Repeater

Aaron Scullin would like to transfer the Eagle Tower repeater pair (70cm) to SCIRA. The board discussed this and agreed to authorize the transfer of the repeater pair. A memorandum of understanding will be reviewed and can be executed. No need to coordinate with SCRBBBA at this point after discussing previous inaction by the group on coordination applications.

Motion:	Mike Guymon
Second:	Dale Hanks
Vote:	Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)

d) Contractors Repeater

Mike Guymon suggested that we need to evaluate the condition of the back-up batteries for the Contractors repeater.

e) Palomar Repeater

Mike Guymon has verified that new batteries are needed for the Palomar repeater site. The board will consider the cost of new lithium batteries in the March meeting. Mike believes there is an opportunity in the San Diego area to fund raise to support the needs of the Palomar repeater.

f) Santa Ynez Repeater

The repeater is performing well after return from Bridgecom and the firmware update. No new reported problems. We need to complete the installation by activating the D-Star digital mode on the repeater and completing the digipeater installation.



g) All Star Linking

The board discussed the concept of moving SCIRA to a single repeater pair on all repeaters. The advantages to this approach are elimination of the time delay when keying the microphone for all the repeaters to link and the possibility of returning unused repeater pairs to SCRBBBA in exchange for coordination of the single repeater pair.

The disadvantages to this approach are that our repeaters would not be able to work in an unlinked environment during a significant emergency, causing significant network congestion. Further, the potential for heterodyning between the repeaters is significant.

After careful consideration the board decided to continue with our current approach using multiple repeater pairs and to place emphasis on getting linking via All Star completed.

A separate meeting to review further plans for Allstar linking is needed with Craig Holmes, Stephen Lang, Mike Guymon, and Jared Case.

h) Potential New Repeaters

Santa Maria Repeater: No further update on the possibility of placing a repeater at site offered for our use. There is a repeater pair available for use that is coordinated by NARRC. We would need to purchase a Bridgecom repeater and Allstar linking equipment incorporate this new location in our repeater network.

i) Digipeaters

Dale Hanks reported that the following digipeaters are online and working:

- W6CTR-10: Ontario (Craig Holmes)
- KE6VZZ-10: Fountain Valley (Ken Fawson - internet issue)
- N6NNW-10 Palos Verdes (Dale Hanks)
- WB6TT-10 Corona (Tom Thomas)

vi. Board Chair Reports

a) Vice President – Position is Open

No report in the meeting.



b) Membership Chair – Clint Hunter

Preparing to send renewal letters in the mail to previous members and those that are part of the weekly ERC net. Clint suggested we add to our SCIRA support script in the weekly net announcements encouraging those in ERC to contribute to SCIRA through Amazon Smile.

Further discussion is required regarding changes to the membership levels and financial amounts for each level. Darrin Dalton indicated these specific membership levels are part of the bylaws which would require adjustment if we would like to change the contribution levels.

c) Technology Chair – Mike Guymon

Discussed inviting Steve Lloyd from the Ontario Stake to be a member of the repeater committee. Steve is a retired electrical engineer and can be contacted through Craig Holmes.

There was discussion regarding using a new digipeater technology called Vara, further information and analysis is needed.

d) Secretary Report – Darrin Dalton

Stephen Lang thanked Darrin Dalton for his service to SCIRA. This will be Darrin's last meeting as a member of the board.

e) Members at Large – Tom Thomas / Wayne Jolley / Dale Hanks

Discussed improvements to the weekly nets resulting from streamlined net script and check in list. Thanks to Tom Thomas for working on this, it is helping.

f) Web Specialist – Jim Gallacher

Not a meeting, no report provided. Wayne Jolley to contact Jim to update website with revised board positions (Vice-President and Secretary).

vii. New Business

No new business items were discussed.



viii. Strategic Planning (in priority order):

Snow Peak Repeater & Batteries:	\$ 4,500
Palomar Peak Batteries:	\$ 800
Contractors Peak Batteries:	\$ 800
Allstar Linking Equipment:	\$ 1,000
HF Station for Laie, Hawaii:	\$ 7,500
Bakersfield Repeater(s):	\$ 8,000
Arden Mesh Network:	\$ 5,000
Misc. Emergency Equipment:	\$ 1,500
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TOTAL PROJECTS:	\$ 29,100

ix. Meeting Adjournment

Action: Motioned that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion: Wayne Jolley
Second: Clint Hunter
Vote: Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)
Time: 8:05 PM
Benediction: Darrin Dalton

2022 Meeting Calendar

January 19, 2022: SCIRA Board Meeting
March 16, 2022: SCIRA Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
May 18, 2022: SCIRA Board Meeting
July 20, 2022: SCIRA Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
September 21, 2022: SCIRA Board Meeting
November 16, 2022: SCIRA Annual Meeting / Board Elections