



Meeting Minutes
July 19th, 2023, 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:	Tom Thomas (absent)
Secretary:	Clint Hunter (present)
Treasurer:	Marcus Piquet (absent)
Repeater Chair:	Jared Case (present)
Membership Chair:	Curtis Chubbuck (present)
Member at Large (term thru 2023):	Wayne Jolley (present)
Member at Large (term thru 2024):	Dale Hanks (present)
Member at Large (term thru 2025):	Craig Holmes (present)
Web Specialist:	open

SCIRA Members Present at Meeting:

Carol and Tom Bruegge

i. Welcome and Call to Order: Stephen Lang

Time: 6:33 PM
Invocation: Curtis Chubbuck

ii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 17th, 2023 Meeting

Action: Motioned that the minutes from the May 17th, 2023 meeting be approved.
Motion: Wayne Jolley
Second: Dale Hanks
Vote: Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)



iii. Treasurers Report: Marcus Piquet

No Financial report provided for meeting

No vote to approve financial report taken

Treasurers report to be given in the September meeting

Motion: N/A

Second:

Vote:

iv. President's Report: Stephen Lang

- a) Last weekend 4 active fires with evacuations, contact information for stake ERC reps was out of date. Will most likely have an active fire season especially with upcoming heat wave predicted for another couple weeks. Need to update contact information in Disaster Report Master, Craig Holmes added the contact page to the document from the SoCal Net document. Curtis will work on updating the emails and will be given time on the Sunday 9pm nets to make an announcement requesting contact information for each stake.
- b) Steve has been in contact with Elders Marin and Clark but only for emergency information, we still don't know which one will be in charge of emergency communications for the area.
- c) No coordinated shakeout exercise this year. Stake presidents will make the decision for each individual stake if they will hold a shakeout exercise.

v. Repeater Report: Jared Case

- a) Jared to look at Snow Peak link and report back at September meeting.
- b) Allstar linking seems to have been resolved.
- c) Eagle Tower, no contact with new owners but it is still in operation and working. Would like to add VARA FM to the site and it needs a new battery since that is the original one.
- d) New batteries needed for the following sites:
 - i. San Diego: Palomar
 - ii. Pleasants Peak
 - iii. Contractors PeakJared to get specifications on cost and ordering to Stephen Lang who will then order for Palomar and Pleasants at a cost not to exceed \$1800.
Motion: Wayne Jolley 2nd : Craig Holmes Vote: Unanimous (7 yes/ 0 no)
- e) Jared to follow up regarding adding VARA digipeater at Santa Ynez site and VARA gateway at Contractors Peak. Jared said we don't have internet access at Contractors and we'll need to find the cost.
- f) Jared mentioned that there is a microwave link between Contractors Peak and Pleasants Peak that we could maybe utilize and will find out the cost.
- g) Jared requested we add VARA to Snow Peak after Santa Ynez and Contractors Peak.



vi. **Board Chair Reports**

a) **Vice President – Tom Thomas**

No report in the meeting.

b) **Membership Chair – Curtis Chubbuck**

Curtis and Clint Hunter met and went over the duties of membership chair. He requested access to email addresses and Steve Lang to look at getting him access.

Curtis needs stake ERC reps emails and phone numbers and will work on updating the list once access is granted.

Curtis asked if it is possible to automate receipts in Paypal when people make donations, where a receipt is sent to the for tax purposes and also one to the membership email account. Steve suggested he contact Marcus Piquet since he handle the PayPal account.

c) **Secretary Report – Clint Hunter**

Clint inquired about pictures and information regarding Palomar Mountain repeater site for the QRV newsletter. Craig mentioned the pictures on the website are from the old site. He was directed to contact Mike Guymon to obtain both.

Clint asked about the fictitious business name filing, Steve mentioned that Marcus Piquet had already filed it.

d) **Members at Large – Wayne Jolley / Dale Hanks / Craig Holmes**

Dale Hanks asked the board if it wants him to replace the current digipeater at San Pedro Peak with VARA, he has a KPC3+ at the site and internet link at his house. Stephen Lang proposed that SCIRA pay for the soundcard interfaces (2) to facilitate the change with a cost not to exceed \$250. Dale to work with Jared Case to make the change over.

Motion: Jared Case 2nd : Clint Hunter Vote: Unanimous (7 yes/ 0 no)

Wayne Jolley mentioned he is having an issue with his knee and won't be able to help out with repeater sites for the near future.

Craig Holmes mentioned that SCIRA uses the following frequencies for VARA and packet: 145.070 VARA & 144.970 packet and they are separate for digipeating purposes. Clint to update his Winlink station and change VARA to frequency 145.070.

e) **Web Specialist – Open**

No report.

f) **Members**

Carol & Tom just wanted to say hi and they enjoyed Field Day. They are busy teaching amateur radio classes on Tuesdays and have had some new technician licenses in their stake.



vii. New Business

No new business items were discussed.

viii. Strategic Planning (in priority order):

Palomar Peak Batteries & Controller	\$ 900
Pleasants Peak Batteries & Controller:	\$ 900
Contractors Peak Batteries:	\$ 900
San Pedro VARA conversion	\$ 250
TOTAL PROJECTS:	\$ 2950

ix. Meeting Adjournment

Action: Motioned that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion: Wayne Jolley
Second: Jared Case
Vote: Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)
Time: 7:35 PM
Benediction: Stephen Lang

2023 Meeting Calendar

January 18, 2023: SCIRA Board Meeting
March 15, 2023: SCIRA Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
May 17, 2023: SCIRA Board Meeting
July 19, 2023: SCIRA Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
September 20, 2023: SCIRA Board Meeting
November 15, 2023: SCIRA Annual Meeting / Board Elections