



Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024, 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 (absent)
Web Specialist:	Carol Bruegge (present)

SCIRA Members Present at Meeting:

No Members Attended Meeting

i. Welcome and Call to Order: Stephen Lang

Time: 6:39 PM
Invocation: Jared Case

ii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 20th, 2023 Meeting

Action: Motioned that the minutes from the **September 20th, 2023** meeting be approved.
Motion: Wayne Jolley
Second: Dale Hanks
Vote: Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)

iii. Treasurers Report: Marcus Piquet



Stephen spoke with Marcus, we have approximately \$6700 in our checking account. We have insurance costs coming up of approximately \$1200 and recurring repeater costs.

Discussion regarding Palomar repeater costs but no revenue coming in for several years from San Diego Region. Costs are approximately \$1200 - \$2000 per year (\$100 per month in rent alone). Batteries were recently replaced at a cost of \$900. Stephen to speak with Steve Egbert about getting some financial help from the area because SCIRA cannot continue to pay the expenses without help.

No vote to approve financial report taken due to Treasurer absence.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

iv. President's Report: Stephen Lang

- a) ERC conference details to be discussed at the March meeting
- b) Shakeout exercise to be discussed in future meetings.
- c) Santa Ynez repeater is offline, a local member is going to try and cycle the repeater but if that doesn't work we will need about 3 people to drive up and fix it; all day trip.
- d) Batteries: Stephen has the batteries for Pleasants and Contractors. Craig & Stephen will be replacing Pleasants in late January. Contractors to be replaced by Jared and others sometime in February. Palomar batteries have been replaced.
- e) Emergency communications document was released by the church, Stephen to send out to the board. It has been recommended that each stake call a welfare & self-reliance coordinator who is also in charge of emergency communications.
- f) There are 2 area welfare & self-reliance representatives for Southern California: Sister Jimenez & Brother Remington. Stephen to set up a meeting with both of them. They will need licensed radio operator assigned to them in event of an emergency to facilitate communications for them.

v. Repeater Report: Jared Case

- a) Nothing to report.

vi. Board Chair Reports

- a) Vice President – Tom Thomas**

No report in the meeting.



b) Membership Chair – Curtis Chubbuck

1. Curtis sent emails to all the addresses we have on file, some came back that they moved out of the area and he created a new designation in the spreadsheet to indicate removed members. He will keep sending out emails every month.
2. Made suggestion of possibly having a different night than the SoCal net (Sundays) where non-regular members with licenses to check in and utilize the repeaters.
3. Brought up possibility of having an auto-renewal option for members, Stephen to speak with Marcus about the feasibility.

c) Secretary Report – Clint Hunter

1. Need ideas for newsletter.
2. Clint requested any information and pictures of Contractors Peak repeater, Stephen will send some after batteries are replaced at end of month.
3. Stephen requested at March meeting we will set a date and agenda for the ERC conference.
4. Stephen suggested we have an article in QRV about how to successfully conduct a shakeout exercise. Stephen will contribute to the article and Clint to seek input from several stakes who successfully implement the shakeout. Carol said a ward in her stake is quite effective at conducting the shakeout exercise.
5. Equipment reviews (especially radios) was suggested as topics for future issues. Along with radio comparisons, with focus on 50W mobile transceivers.
6. Curtis recommended we put in QRV something about we are looking for members and recipients to pass the newsletter on to prospective members. Clint will put this in the January issue.

d) Web Specialist – Carol Bruegge

1. Carol updated the meeting schedule on the webpage.
2. Questioned having a mostly blank calendar on the webpage. Stephen mentioned that Colton ERC needs to be changed to SoCal ERC. It was decided that the calendar would be changed from a calendar format to a list of events (i.e. SoCal net, ERC conference, shakeout)

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

Wayne – Nothing to report.

Dale – 1. scirainc.net renewed for 1 year and then will go dormant for 1 year as an experiment. Scirainc.com too expensive at \$500.

2. Repeater page should have VARA call signs and frequencies added.

3. Unable to check VARA from home, work is progressing on cabinet. Setting up VARA gateway at Rancho Palos Verdes city hall.

4. Stephen and Craig to possibly set up VARA @ Santa Ynez.

Craig - absent



vii. New Business

Clint needs to update year to 2024 and remove #3 batteries from Strategic Plan.

viii. Strategic Planning (in priority order):

Edison per year, Jobs Peak:	\$	400
Edison per year, Eagle Tower:	\$	200
NARCC, SCRIBBA, TASMA: registrations	\$	200
TOTAL PROJECTS:	\$	800

ix. Meeting Adjournment

- Action: Motioned that the meeting be adjourned.
- Motion: Carol Bruegge
- Second: Jared Case
- Vote: Unanimous (7 yes / 0 no)
- Time: 7:52 PM
- Benediction: Stephen Lang

2024 Meeting Calendar

- January 17, 2024: SCIRA Board Meeting
- March 20, 2024: SCIRA Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
- May 15, 2024: SCIRA Board Meeting
- July 17, 2024: SCIRA Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
- September 18, 2024: SCIRA Board Meeting
- November 20, 2024: SCIRA Annual Meeting / Board Elections