



Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting

May 20, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Location: Bishop's Storehouse, 791 N. Pepper Ave., Colton CA 92324-1800

Meeting called by President Craig N. Holmes

Board Members: Craig N. Holmes, President; Aaron M. Scullin, Vice President; Mark R. Hayden, Secretary; Nyles G. Peterson, Treasurer; James L. Dowdle, Membership Chair, Joe Parrino, Repeater Chair; Michael K. Sorensen, Member at Large Director, Jared R. Case, Member at Large Director.

Guest: Earl A. Purkiss, K6EAP.

Welcome and Call to Order.....Craig Holmes, KF6ZAF

Opening Prayer.....by Invitation

Reading and approval of the minutes of April 15, 2009.....Mark Hayden, N7YLA

Action Item No 1: It is proposed to accept the Minutes of the meeting of the SCIRA, Inc. Board that was held on April 15, 2009.

Treasurer's Report.....Nyles Peterson, AC6DG

See attachment.

Action Item No. 2: It is proposed to accept the Treasurer's report of SCIRA, Inc with the ending balance as given for 31 April, 2009.

Reports of Officers

Report of the President .....Craig Holmes, KF6ZAF

Discussion Items:

- 1. Discussion on Earl A. Purkiss serving out the term left from Jim Burton's vacancy. See Action Item No. 3 below.

2. In future board vacancies a memorandum to the SCIRA membership shall be given informing them of our need for a replacement. This is to be in compliance with the bylaws already set forth.

2A. The SCIRA blog may be a means of informing the members.

**Informational items:**

- 3. Training Net -Weston Taylor and Ron Koyle
- 4. Banning Repeater taken down and used for Snow Peak - Currently at Keller
- 5. Fountain Valley Repeater
- 6. San Diego Update. I think Aaron is covering this so it may not need to be listed on mine?
- 7. Karl Moody - Training for his area and booth - What do we want to set up?
- 8. Santa Barbara Fires
- 9. History of SCIRA Events Log still to be completed. . .

**Report of the Vice President .....Aaron Scullin, K6AMS**

- 1. Nomination of Earl A. Purkiss as a Member at Large Director. See his biography.

**Action Item No. 3:** It is proposed that Earl A. Purkiss be appointed and fill the seat of James L. Burton who recently resigned as a Member at Large Director. Furthermore, it is proposed that Earl A. Purkiss serve in this position until the original terms expiration. The intent of the Board is to keep the original term rotations and expirations in tact.

- 2. Reimbursements for expenses related to repeater upgrades, installs, and Eagle Tower Project.

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| a. General Funds                     | \$10.00  |
| i. Photocopies for permits           | \$3.36   |
| ii. NHRC Repeater Controller         | \$346.00 |
| iii. AES, FT7800R Radio for Repeater | \$249.98 |
| iv. Ham City, LMR400 Coax            | \$408.22 |

**Sub-total: \$1,017.56**

- b. Eagle Tower Funds

- i. Building Permit \$160.32
- ii. MJF Antenna Tuner \$101.95

Sub-total: \$262.27

- c. Grand total: \$1,279.83

**Action Item No. 4:** It is proposed that SCIRA, Inc. reimburse Aaron M. Scullin for his receipts totaling \$1,279.83.

3. Critical Worker Passes: Assuming Earl A. Purkiss is nominated to the Board, I will begin the process of getting him a Critical Worker Pass. This is very important for us to have a couple of mountain residents able to reenter the mountain at anytime to perform emergency repairs on SCIRA's repeater systems during a disaster.
4. Clothing
  - a. Photographs of clothing items given to Mike for web site. (Should have this to Mike by the meeting).
  - b. Current Inventory
    - I have in stock:
    - 1 - hat
    - 11 - XL Blue T-shirts
    - 1 - L Maroon Hooded Sweatshirt
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    - You guys have to sell:
    - 3 - Hats Nyles
    - 2 - Hats Mark
    - 2 - Hats Jim D.
    - 3 - Hats Mike
    - 1 - Hats Craig
5. TASMA
  - a. W6CTR – RFC – Eagle Tower, Put on frequency waiting list at Feb 28, 2009 Meeting. Original RFC dated 12/15/08.
  - b. W6CTR – RFC – R.S. Backup, 144.895 MHz. Mailed on 3/2/09 to request coordination. No response yet. Should be on May 30<sup>th</sup> Agenda pending approval. Multiple requests have been made to NARCC to determine if this is causing interference with Bakersfield station with no response. Assumption is that it is not.
  - c. K6AMS – RFC – Eagle Tower, 147.495 MHz (-1.005). Mailed 4/3/09. No response yet. Should be on May 30<sup>th</sup> Agenda pending approval. This NH2R out of coordination parameters. May lose their coordination. See TASMA Feb 28, 2009 meeting minutes.

- d. N6WZK – RFC – Keller Peak, 144.895 MHz. NARCC demanded that our system be physically turned off on May 8, 2009. I immediately turned the power off to this machine. I recommend that this system be kept off the air until at least May 30<sup>th</sup>. We can't risk losing this frequency pair entirely.
- e. Next meeting is May 30<sup>th</sup>. All that can attend should. We need to have a big presence at the meeting.

6. SCRRBA

- a. K6AMS – RFC – Eagle Tower, 449.540 MHz. Mailed May 6, 2009. No response yet. System operational and pending approval.
- b. W6CTR – RFC – Snow Peak, 445.160 MHz. Waiting for system block diagram from Joe. Waiting for site agreement from Craig. System operational on Keller Peak Temporarily. RFC NOT SUBMITTED YET.

7. La Jolla Repeater Site. Report on April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Salt Lake City Facilities Representatives.

- a. Waiting for Carl McClain to clear up insurance issues. Process on hold until we resolve this.

8. Eagle Tower Projects

**Minor Variance & Permit approval.** The minor variance was finally approved. Project engineering was donated by Bryant R. Bergeson, a Consulting Engineer. This was an \$850 dollar savings! It is proposed that SCIRA, Inc. accept and deliver the Board Resolution thanking Bryant R. Bergeson for his donated engineering services as written by Mark Hayden, Secretary.

**Action Item No. 5:** The Board of Directors of SCIRA, Inc. hereby approves the following Resolution for Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer who generously donated his professional services to the Eagle Tower project:

**BOARD RESOLUTION OF SCIRA, INC.**

**REGARDING Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer**

**DULY PASSED ON May 20, 2009**

The undersigned being Directors of SCIRA, Inc., hereby sign the following **Resolution:**

**Whereas** Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer has contributed engineering services in the amount of \$850.00 towards the development of the Eagle Tower in Running Springs, CA which will serve as a central location for amateur radio emergency communications over a wide area of Southern California,

**Whereas** this radio system will serve the Emergency Response Communications Network of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

**Whereas** this radio system will be linked to other repeaters connected to the SCIRA, Inc. amateur radio system for use by the public,

**We Resolve** by acclimation to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson for his crucial contribution.

Dated: May 20, 2009

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Craig N. Holmes, President

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James L. Dowdle, Membership Chair

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Aaron M. Scullin, Vice President

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Joe Parrino, Repeater Chair

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Mark R. Hayden, Secretary

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Michael K. Sorensen, Board Member at Large

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Nyles G. Peterson, Treasurer

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Jared R. Case, Board Member at Large

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- a. Foundation Project – Blake Scullin
  - i. Fundraising going well. Organizing project. Scheduled for July. With money saved by not needing to pay for engineering or soil tests etc., the repeater committee decided to purchase Telewave, ANT450D6-9 antenna for Eagle Tower with an antenna tuner. Blake has recorded the donation of Bryant R. Bergeson and has amended his project to include the purchase of the antenna and tuner with donated funds.
- b. Tower & Equipment Installation Project – Alex Scullin
  - i. Submitting for BSA approval shortly. Organizing project and additional fundraising. Scheduled for August.

Report of the Secretary.....Mark Hayden, N7YLA

Documents created for SCIRA, Inc. during the past month.

1. Minutes of April 15, 2009 SCIRA, Inc. Board meeting.
2. *Memorandum of Understanding* between Property Reserve, Inc. A California Corporation Sole and SCIRA, Inc, (Southern California Intermountain Repeater Association).
3. *Antenna Site and Radio Room Agreement* between W. Douglas Kunz, W6YI and SCIRA, Inc., (Southern California Intermountain Repeater Association).

- 4. *Board Resolution of SCIRA, Inc.* Regarding Mr. Bryant R. Bergeson, Consulting Engineer and SCIRA, Inc. (Southern California Intermountain Repeater Association).
- 5. *Actions Passed by the Board of Directors and Members of SCIRA, Inc.* from 1/26/2008 through 4/15/2009 (17 pages).
- 6. *SCIRA EQUIPMENT INVENTORY* by Joe Parrino N6WZK Repeater Chair. Assisted the Repeater Chair in revisions 5-13-2009.
- 7. Agenda for the Board of Director Meeting of May 20, 2009.

Report of the Membership Chair..... Jim Dowdle, KG6TQT

SCIRA Patches.

The board needs to establish a selling price for the patches. I suggest \$ 5.00 each. This is a fair price, many scout patches sell in the same price range. 300 patches were ordered from Butler Sourcing have been received, cost .84¢ each.

Action item No. 6: The board hereby approves the selling price of \$5.00 per patch for a W6CTR patch.

Patches have been sent to everyone that we owed a patch.. Two shirts are needed to complete what we owe to members. An updated listing of patches, shirts and caps that have been sent to members, who have donated to those levels, has been posted on Google groups.

Information Items.

Receipts will be submitted to the treasurer covering the patches, radio and duplexer I purchased for SCIRA. I received the reimbursement check from Nyles several weeks ago

Report on the number of current SCIRA members. The latest spreadsheet of SCIRA members will be given to all board members, and will be posted on Google groups.

A number of memberships that ended in April have not been renewed, including 3 board members.

An updated master ham list for Southern California is now posted on Google groups.

Discussion Items.

Eagle Tower Ceremony Committee. Basic planning for the Eagle Tower ceremony needs to start as soon as possible. The following considerations, deferred from the last Board meeting now need to be addressed:

- 1. Wording on plaque
- 2. Material composition on plaque.
- 3. Size of plaque
- 4. Approximate projected date for the ceremony

**Action Item No. 7:** The board authorizes Jim Dowdle to form a subcommittee to assist with planning and inviting the correct people to the Eagle Tower Dedication Ceremony and related events.

**California ShakeOut Planning**

We need to continue more discussions on plans for the ERC Shake Out exercise to be held on Saturday October 17, 2009. JOTA is held on the same day. Need to start basic planning as soon as possible.

**General Membership Meeting.**

SCIRA is long overdue for a General Membership meeting. It is recommended to have a summer meeting and barbeque outdoors. The *Fred Palmer Equestrian Center* in La Verne would be a possible location for a SCIRA General Membership meeting and hamburger/ hot dog cook out. I understand that non profits can use the facility free of charge.

Fred Palmer Equestrian Center  
6550 Stephens Ranch Road  
La Verne

Directions : Foothill or Baseline to Wheeler. Go north on Wheeler until it dead ends. Turn right on Golden Hills Road. Go to Stephens Ranch Road. Turn left, continue past the golf course, take the gate on the right and follow the signs to Fred Palmer Equestrian Center.

**Action Item No. 8:** The Board authorizes Jim Dowdle and Hospitality Chair Carolyn Hayden to make tentative plans for a late summer SCIRA meeting and BBQ at the Fred Palmer Equestrian Center and to report back to the June 2009 board meeting for approval.

**Report of the Repeater Chair..... Joe Parrino, N6WZK**

- 1. Placed two 440 repeaters on the air. One at Keller Peak testing for Snow Peak location, and the other at the Eagle Tower site and tuned both duplexers for UHF. The frequencies will be released by Craig, KF6ZAF when testing is completed and ready for SCIRA to use.
- 2. Chatsworth Peak 147.180- pl-186.2 is now fully functional with 440 link frequencies on Echolink again. It's ready to be interfaced with the HUB.

The node number it's using is: 339061  
Call Sign: KG6GCG-L  
Operator's Name: Berg Hakimian

**3. Frequency Surveillance:**

I'm watching every frequency in the 2 meter, 220, & 440 band myself and when something becomes available on 2 meters, especially for SCIRA to use, I will make it aware to the group. We sure can use another frequency.

The expired calls are the ones we should look at even more closely as they are good candidates for immediate placement on the air. (Note: Please refer to Jared's list of expired licenses.)

Seems like we can't wait around for TASMA to hand us a pair.

I would appreciate everyone keeping your eyes open for a channel in your area as I can only do so much testing from Los Angeles.

**4.Eagle Tower Concerns.**

I am all for placing the repeater at the Eagle Tower site and I know that Aaron has done a tremendous job and has worked very hard so far, but I have my doubts about how well the repeater will perform once it is on the air.

We need to test with the antennas up a little higher (60 feet or more ). The only other solution is to get a professional RF site survey. I'm looking into this now.

I hate to see SCIRA spend a lot of money on an installation that may not work, and if I didn't say anything I wouldn't be doing my job. I have helped to install over 20 repeater systems and I know just about how close to the edge of a hill an antenna needs to be in order to work correctly.

I will make a video to prove my point, and I understand the first one didn't get sent out through E-Mail. The video will show how the Eagle site is in a hole on a slope blocked by some hills and pretty far back.

I know there are a lot of us who have our hearts set on this project, but all I'm trying to do is make the Board aware of the situation and not brush it off before more money is spent on the Eagle Tower repeater.

**Action Item No.9:** The Board authorizes Joe Parrino to solicit bids for a professional RF site survey to determine if the Eagle Site will cover our planned repeater coverage areas.

**Reports of the Directors**

Report of Board Member at Large .....Mike Sorensen, KI6HWQ

Report of Board Member at Large..... Jared Case, KD6YPD

**Discussion: Power and Grounding**

Jared will lead a discussion about this important subject in regard to SCIRA repeater systems.

Closing Comments.....Craig Holmes, KF6ZAF

Closing Prayer.....by Invitation

**Adjournment**

Next Board of Director's Meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009.





