



P.O. BOX 1592, Running Springs, CA 92382

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2010

791 N. Pepper Ave., Colton, CA 92324-1800

Attending Board Members:

- Craig N. Holmes – President
- Aaron M. Scullin – Secretary
- Kris Scullin – Treasurer
- Michele Hunt – Membership Chair
- Earl Purkiss – Member at Large Director (Term Ending 12/11)
- Jared R. Case – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/12)

Absent Board Members:

- James L. Dowdle – Vice President
- Bob Moore – Repeater Chair
- John Hunter – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/10)

Members Present:

- Carl McClaine

***SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CALLED** for on September 2, 2010 via the Board's Google Group email system by President and Secretary. Board members who responded in the affirmative via email were: Craig, Aaron, Kris, Michele, Bob, John, Earl, and Jared. Jim indicated that he would be out of town that day.*

I. Call To Order

- a. Time –6:59 PM

II. Invocation

- a. By Earl Purkiss

III. Welcome Guests & Introduction of current SCIRA, Inc. Officers and Directors

- a. By President Craig Holmes

IV. Approval of Minutes

Action Item (1): It is moved that we approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010 and August 7, 2010 Board Meetings.

Motion: Kris Second: Aaron Voting: 100% in favor

V. Treasurer's Report – Kris Scullin

- a. Review current Financial Statements

Action Item (2): It is moved that we approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Aaron Second: Earl Voting: 100% in favor

VI. President's Report – Craig N. Holmes

- a. Echolink Net – The board discussed the opportunity of holding this specialty net. The board believes that this will help encourage people to join and support SCIRA, Inc. The following requirements were outlined for whoever conducts the net. Aaron was asked to follow up on this.
 - i. The Net Control Operator must be a current member of SCIRA, Inc.
 - ii. The Echolink Net will be conducted as a SCIRA, Inc. Net.
 - iii. One of the main purposes of the net is to recruit more SCIRA, Inc. members.
 - iv. No nets will be held on Sunday's or Monday's.
 - v. The Net Control Operator shall present a proposed week day and time to hold the net for approval before starting.
- b. Training Net – The board discussed the opportunity of holding this specialty net. The board believes that this will help encourage people to join and support SCIRA, Inc. The following requirements were outlined for whoever conducts the net. Craig was asked to follow up on this.
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 - ii. The Training Net will be conducted as a SCIRA, Inc. Net.
 - iii. One of the main purposes of the net is to recruit more SCIRA, Inc. members.
 - iv. No nets will be held on Sunday's or Monday's.
 - v. The Net Control Operator shall present a proposed week day and time to hold the net for approval before starting.
 - vi. The Net Control Operator shall present a list of training topics for approval.
- c. Shake Out 2010 – Preparations are going well. One of the HF antennas needs to be repaired prior to the exercise. Craig will contact SLC to make sure someone is available to receive our Shake Out Data on the day of the exercise. The bulk of the exercise will occur between 9 AM to Noon on October 16th.
- d. RFC to TASMA for ALL of our 440 MHz systems due Jan 2, 2011
- e. Need or a board member to attend the next SCRRBA meeting.
- f. Repeater Monitoring
 - i. All SCIRA Board Members should be monitoring the repeaters
- g. Strategic Plan Items
 - i. Los Angeles – Link needs to be turned on.
 - ii. Bakersfield – Waiting for a location. Some equipment is assembled.
 - iii. San Diego – Insurance – Storehouse without – with SD Temple site
 - iv. Fresno – Pending.
 - v. Fountain Valley – Need 2 440 MHz radios and a frequency pair.
 - vi. Eagle Tower – Need to install solar panels and install the link antenna and coax.

- vii. 220 at Ballantyne's – After much discussion, it was determined that for now 2M and 440 MHz will be our primary focus. The board likes the idea of 220 MHz however due to our limited funds it is felt that holding off on 220 MHz is best for the time being. Aaron is to talk with the Ballantynes to express our appreciation for letting us use their property and to explain our situation. Craig asked for an action item to formally state our frequency band focus.

Action Item (3): It is moved that SCIRA, Inc.'s primary repeater frequencies will be 2 Meters and 70cm (440 MHz). It is further moved that SCIRA, Inc. will pursue 220 MHz repeater frequencies only as future funds allow.

Motion: Criag Second: Kris Voting: 100% in favor

- viii. D-Star – Several board members expressed their desire to embrace this new repeater technology. Craig will contact ERC headquarters in SLC to determine Church plans or not to use D-Star. It is the opinion of the board that SCIRA, Inc. should follow the lead of ERC headquarters. SCIRA, Inc. has an opportunity to receive 3 D-Star repeaters from another party depending upon frequency availability etc. For now the majority of board members present felt it was best to first focus limited funds upon finishing SCIRA's analog repeater system, then work on D-Star. Craig was asked to let the other party know that we are interested but aren't financially ready yet and that we would like to stay on their list to receive the equipment in the future if possible.

VII. Vice President Report – James L. Dowdle

- a. Absent

VIII. Secretary Report – Aaron M. Scullin

- a. Web Site
 - i. Need updated frequencies/list of repeater sites. Will add the Los Angeles repeater frequencies for now.
 - ii. Need updated membership roster. Michele will get an updated list to Aaron for posting on the Web Site.
- b. Updated ERC messaging forms. Available on the SCIRA, Inc. web site for download.
- c. Google announced Group Feature Changes. It will no longer be possible to upload and share files and pages within the Google groups feature.
- d. Anyone using Member Google Group or Blog? We aren't marketing ourselves very well. We need to let members know what we are up to. It was agreed that Michele will prepare and send out a monthly newsletter to SCIRA, Inc. membership with the help of the board. Board members are to get their reports to Michele by the 10th of each month. She will send the newsletter out by the 15th. Newsletter may feature items such as; President's message, goals, needs, strategic plans, projects, wish list, Joke of the Day, new member names and thanks for renewals etc.

IX. Membership Chair Report – Michele Hunt

- a. Membership update. Michele reported that we have 46 current members and 75 expired memberships. She felt that the increased number of non-renewals was indeed probably due to the lack of information being given to membership.

She felt the board needed to improve this and that the Newsletter would be a good means of retaining members.

- b. Update on Board Member Liability Insurance quote and quote for Repeater Site Insurance. Michele presented the initial quote for Director's and Officers Liability coverage in the amount of \$1,150.00. It was felt that this type of coverage is very necessary for SCIRA. The coverage might also provide us the coverage necessary to put up a repeater at a San Diego site which we were turned down on because of lack of insurance. Aaron will follow up on the San Diego site to see if this type of coverage would suffice their requirement. Craig will also get a similar quote. Expenditure was placed upon strategic plan.

X. Repeater Chair Report – Bob Moore

- a. Absent.

XI. Member at Large Report – John Hunter

- a. Absent
- b. In the absence of John an Election Committee was formed as follows.
 - i. John Hunter – Chair
 - ii. Earl Purkiss – Co-Chair
 - iii. One more member as appointed by President and approved by Board

Action Item (4): It is moved that we appoint Carl McClaine to the 2011 Election Committee.

Motion: Kris Second: Earl Voting: 100% in favor

XII. Member at Large Director – Earl Purkiss

- a. Reported that he would like to supply the Joke of the Day to the newsletter.

XIII. Member at Large Report – Jared R. Case

- a. Reported that we should have a “Vision” for SCIRA. He outlined’ Proclaim Radios, Redeem Memberships, and Perfect the Radio.
- b. Reported that Snow Peak is up and running well now.
- c. Los Angeles now has a 110 Watt Amp installed.
- d. Jared has personally purchased a 440 repeater and that he would be willing to loan it to SCIRA at one of the sites to help out. The board was very appreciative of this.

XIV. Strategic Plan, Update – Kris Scullin

- a. Review Strategic Plan

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

Description:	Amount not to Exceed:
Purchase Liability Insurance for SCIRA, Inc. (Including Director's & Officer's coverage)	\$1,200.00
	Total: \$1,200.00

Motion: Kris Second: Craig Voting: 100% in favor

XV. Adjournment

Action Item (6): It is moved that we adjourn at 9:35 PM.

Motion: Kris Second: Michele Voting: 100% in favor

XVI. Benediction

a. By Aaron M. Scullin

Note:

- Next Board Meeting October 20 @ 7:00 PM @ the Colton Bishops' Storehouse
- Annual Membership & Board Meeting November 17th @ 7:00 PM @ the Colton Bishops' Storehouse. (Annual Budget & Elections included)

Minutes taken by Aaron M. Scullin