



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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2011

7:00 PM

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

Attending Board Members:

- Craig N. Holmes – President
- James L. Dowdle – Vice President
- Aaron M. Scullin – Secretary
- Michele Hunt – Membership Chair
- Bob Moore – Repeater Chair
- Earl Purkiss – Member at Large Director (Term Ending 12/11)
- Jared R. Case – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/12)

Absent Board Members:

- Kris Scullin – Treasurer
- John Hunter – Member at Large (Term Ending 12/13)

Members Present:

- Randy Lutz KI6TGU
- Alvin Brown KD6RUD
- Bob Jones KI6YCB
- Joe Waite KD6YWK

I. Welcome & Call To Order – Craig N. Holmes

- a. Time – 7:02 PM

II. Invocation

- a. By Michele Hunt

III. Approval of Minutes

Action Item (1): It is moved that the Board approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report – Kris Scullin's report delivered by Aaron Scullin

- a. Review current Financial Statements

Action Item (2): It is moved that we defer voting on the Treasurer's Report due to Kris's absence.

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

V. President's Report – Craig N. Holmes

- a. TASMA Meeting Report - They claim to not have received our RFC (145.280 MHz) that was emailed 2 years prior regarding Fountain Valley. Craig immediately handed them a copy during the meeting. Craig explained to them that we had been operating on the air for 2 years. They said they will eventually coordinate 440 MHz systems when they get a full Board. Next meeting is May 28th.
- b. Repeater Updates
 - i. Snow Peak & Interference continues.
 - ii. Eagle Tower & links improved. Membership reported from the floor that they are still concerned with delay in link timing. Expressed desire for this to be corrected. Membership noted that other systems work faster than ours.
 - iii. Los Angeles – Need to link in to the overall system. Bob Moore will work on this soon.
 - iv. Fountain Valley – TASMA will not allow us to move the antenna. Therefore we need a 440 MHz frequency pair.
 - v. San Diego – Members are trying to get equipment together. Can hit both SP & ET from San Diego Storehouse.
 - vi. Piute Peak – 8300 ft elevation peak that a Church member owns. Members have gathered quite a bit of equipment. Now trying to get a similar antenna as ET.
- c. Ecom Training Net – Cliff Hillquist is heading this up with John Hunter. Cliff is a retired law enforcement officer. He is excited to run the net.
- d. Earthquake Discussion – Japan experienced a 9.0 magnitude earthquake on March 11, 2011. Japan has most Hams per capita in the world. No Church ERC program however. Took 3 days to find missionaries. Still don't have 1/3 of members located so far. Southern California is much more prepared.

VI. Vice President Report – James L. Dowdle

- a. Jim discussed the potential impact passage of H.R. 607 would have on SCIRA, Inc. He encouraged members present to write letters to government officials. Jim called for a motion.

Action Item (3): Be it resolved that the entire body of membership present request that SCIRA, Inc. write a resolution stating that SCIRA, Inc. is opposed to the passage of H.R. 607.

Motion: Jim Second: Craig Voting: 100% in favor by all members present

- b. Jim instructed members regarding Ham Operator Personal Go Kits. He handed out CD's to Board members.
- c. Update on Wouxun dual band/cross repeat radio Model#KG-UV920R. Jim displayed various models and compared features. www.wouxun.com. He discussed on radio in particular KG-UVD1P which retails for around \$105.00.
- d. Jim brought a large number of surplus electronic components which he handed out for free to those interested.

VII. Secretary Report – Aaron M. Scullin

- a. Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS). Aaron stated that we also consider utilizing APRS text messaging features for ERC messaging capabilities following a disaster. It appears more and more attractive when considering how congested Southern California is getting. APRS has the following benefits:
 - i. Message receipt acknowledgement
 - ii. Auto reply
 - iii. Ability to determine if remote station is on/off or operational/destroyed within minutes of an event occurring.
 - iv. Less chance for errors in message handling
 - v. Messages stored in mailbox
 - vi. As more stakes/wards join the system, the better the capacity of the system.
 - vii. No expensive repeater hardware to maintain.
 - viii. No Coordination issues to deal with.
 - ix. Aaron demonstrated his equipment after the meeting.
- b. Hardware required for APRS
 - i. Handhelds
 - 1. Kenwood TH-D72A \$464
 - 2. Yaesu VX-8GR \$335 or VX-8DR \$409
 - ii. Mobile
 - 1. Kenwood TH-D710A \$524
 - 2. Yaesu FTM-350AR \$559
 - iii. iPhone
 - 1. A good application for sending and receiving APRS messages is called iBCNU

VIII. Membership Chair Report – Michele Hunt

- a. Reported 67 current members. She handed out a copy of the most current SCIRA, Inc. newsletter.

IX. Repeater Chair Report – Bob Moore

- a. Jim Glancy will have leadership nets on 3rd Thursdays on their repeater. LA repeater is hearing much better now. They don't have a regular net on LA yet.

X. Adjournment

- a. Craig Holmes thanked those who attended and shared some closing remarks. He stated that the world is in turmoil right now. He read a hymn to the group and bore his testimony.

Action Item (4): It is moved that we adjourn at 9:36 PM.

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

XI. Benediction

- a. By James Dowdle

2011 Calendar:

- May 18th Board & General Membership Meeting
- July 20th Board & General Membership Meeting
- August 6th ERC Conference
- October 15th Shake Out Exercise

- October 19th Board & General Membership Meeting
 - November 16th Board & Annual Membership Meeting
- Minutes taken by Aaron M. Scullin