



**Meeting Minutes
March 15, 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 (present)
Secretary:	Clint Hunter (present)
Treasurer:	Marcus Piquet (absent)
Repeater Chair:	Jared Case (present)
Membership Chair:	Open
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:	Jim Gallacher (present)

SCIRA Members Present at Meeting:

No Members Attended Meeting

i. Welcome and Call to Order: Stephen Lang

Time: 6:30 PM
Invocation: Dale Hanks

ii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 18th, 2023 Meeting

Action: Motioned that the minutes from the January 18th, 2023 meeting be approved.
Motion: Jim Gallacher
Second: Dale Hanks
Vote: Unanimous (5 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 May meeting

Steve Lang mentioned we are at around the same balance as January, around \$8000 in the account. Steve sent receipts from Jared Case of \$312.+ to Marcus for reimbursement for Snow Peak battery connectors.

Motion: N/A

Second:

Vote:

iv. President's Report: Stephen Lang

- a) Stephen Lang is working with Ken Fawson to possibly fill the open membership chair position, Stephen will report back at May meeting.
- b) We are in good shape with finances having over \$8000 in the account.
- c) Elder Treadway new area authority over emergency communications. Elder Miskin to help out. Area presidency wants to keep emergency communications coordinated at the stake level and not at the North American West Region level.
- d) Palomar Repeater: San Diego area probably won't be contributing to costs for new batteries. The repeater needs new batteries and a charge controller at an approximate cost of \$2000 for a total of \$3200 in 2023. The board discussed and it was proposed that if the area wasn't willing to help with costs that maybe we just purchase 1 battery at a cost of around \$600 with battery and charger. Stephen Lang will speak with Mike Guymon and Steve Egbert to see if any possibility of San Diego area could fundraise to help with the cost and putting in 1 lithium battery or lead-acid batteries instead of lithium.
- e) Mt. Ord Repeater: Possibly use Pleasant's Peak Pair and existing antenna. Jared Case spoke with Mike Collis and there is room for 2 more solar panels, 2 batteries, cavity filters and a repeater but due to power limitations the repeater would need to be limited to half a watt along with \$25/month rent. Project to be tabled for now.

v. Repeater Report: Jared Case

a) Snow Peak

Jared Case discussed the adding of a VARA FM digipeater at the Snow Peak repeater site. Funds of up to \$400 were approved at the last board meeting. Jared said we could also add the same at Pleasants Peak and Santa Barbara. He said total cost should be less than \$300 per site for a digirig and 12V miniPC, the existing radio could be utilized.



- b) Jared requested the website be updated with the current Vara & Winlink information. Jared will compile a list and send to Jim Gallacher for publishing. Clint Hunter mentioned that he has a working Winlink and Vara gateway to include.

vi. Board Chair Reports

a) Vice President – Tom Thomas

No report in the meeting.

b) Membership Chair – Open

No report in the meeting.

c) Secretary Report – Clint Hunter

1. July 2022 roundtable for minutes, Steve Lang to check notes and follow up with Clint. Possibility that no minutes will be available for that meeting.
2. QRV newsletter to be sent out to all known email addresses for first issue and subsequent issues sent to members only
 - a. Steve Lang requested May issue to highlight Santa Ynez repeater and will write up a narrative for the next issue. Clint Hunter to include pictures from the website and email Marcus Piquet for other pictures of the installation.
 - b. July issue to highlight Palomar repeater.

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

Wayne Jolley inquired about ERC conference. Steve Lang said we probably won't have one this year but he will speak with Elder Treadway about it. Steve mentioned he has a meeting with Bros. Remington and Jimenez about communicating with welfare department and getting information to Salt Lake. Steve to report back at May meeting.

Dale Hanks mentioned he can connect to Ken Fawsons digipeater but it isn't connected to the internet. The rest are working fine. Steve Lang has a meeting with Ken and will mention it.

e) Web Specialist – Jim Gallacher

Nothing to report.

vii. New Business



No new business items were discussed.

viii. Strategic Planning (in priority order):

Snow Peak Digipeater:	\$ 400
Palomar Peak Batteries & Controller:	\$ 2000
Contractors Peak Batteries:	\$ 2000
TOTAL PROJECTS:	\$ 4,400

ix. Meeting Adjournment

Action: Motioned that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion: Clint Hunter
Second: Jim Gallacher
Vote: Unanimous (5 yes / 0 no)
Time: 7:15 PM
Benediction: Clint Hunter

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