

SANDARC COUNCIL MINUTES
April 24, 2008

At 7:00 p.m. the Chairman Mike Maston N6OPH called the meeting of the San Diego County Amateur Radio Council to order. A quorum was present. After the Pledge of Allegiance, visitors were welcomed.

Secretary's Report was reviewed. **Motion** by Paul Rios KC6QLS to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Bob Boehme W6RHV and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Stogie Panger KG6JCW. **Motion** to accept Treasurer's report as corrected by Bob Boehme W6RHV, seconded by Paul Rios KC6QLS and motion carried. The annual year end financial report will be given in May as the Treasurer has not received the bank financial statements for April yet.

Chairman's Agenda Items:

- a. Welcome. April is the start of the second year of the term of office for officers, who serve two year terms. The next election will be in 2009.
- b. San Diego (Del Mar) Fair report by Paul KC6QLS that the SANDARC website is up, including the calendar page where volunteers can sign up for the SANDARC fair booth. The fair runs 6-14-08 through 7-6-08, is closed Monday 6-16-08 and 6-23-08, but is open Monday 6-30-08 for the "Weird Al Yankovic" show. He showed a picture of the SANDARC flag and a picture of the booth and how it will be set up with SANDARC's brown desk and several a-frame displays, table, etc. Paul KC6QLS purchased a flag pole from Fiber Tech, which he will loan to SANDARC for use at the fair. The flag pole will be used for the antenna & SANDARC flag, which can be used at other events. The flag costs approximately \$150.00, plus a \$50.00 rush charge to insure we receive it in time for the fair. Supplies for the fair booth will be approximately \$300.00. Mike N6OPH will loan SANDARC a G5RV antenna and a HF radio for the booth. SANDARC will borrow a radio from HRO. Clubs, please sign up for 10-2 p.m. or 2-6 p.m. shifts. Clubs can bring their own displays, radios, computers, equipment, whatever amateur radio related information they would like to share with the public. **Motion** by Paul Dorey WN6K for SANDARC to spend up to \$200.00 for the SANDARC flag, seconded by Stogie Panger KG6JCW and motion carried. Chair suggested the flag be ordered right away to be sure we receive it in time for the fair. **Motion** by Paul Dorey WN6K for SANDARC to spend up to \$300.00 to cover fair supplies and expenses, seconded by Steve Weed KO4QT and motion carried. Chair requested Treasurer give a check for \$300.00 to Paul KC6QLS and asked Paul to keep and submit all receipts and left over funds to the Treasurer.
- c. Audit for 2007 – 2008 was discussed by Chair Mike Maston N6OPH. Delegates are requested to discuss the audit issue with their clubs to see if the clubs want to have a professional CPA do an audit and/or professional review of the SANDARC books at a cost of approximately \$500 to \$700 and to return to the May meeting prepared to discuss and vote on this issue.
- d. Convention Report by Mike N6OPH that the convention will be at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on Aero Drive. The first convention committee meeting will be 5-22-08 at 6:00 p.m. for a brief tour and dinner. Convention Committee meetings will be the third Thursday of each month at the hotel at 7:00 p.m., but will not be dinner meetings.

Committee reports:

1. Education Report by Steve Early AD6VI is attached *
2. Media Report by Paul KC6QLS that the SANDARC Tri-Fold has been updated and was passed around for everyone to review. Upon final approval by the Chair as to form and content, copies of the Tri-Fold will be made available to all VEC Teams to distribute at test sites and it will be distributed at the fair and other SANDARC events. In addition to the SANDARC Tri-Fold, Paul KC6QLS is making a one page double sided flier to be distributed along with the SANDARC Tri-Fold, which will include the following information on all amateur radio related clubs and organizations in San Diego: logo (if space), name, website, contact name, 3-4 sentences including

meeting location, date, time, specialty area, why join the club, etc. Delegates please discuss this flier with your clubs and send the info for this flier to the SANDARC Media Chair, Paul KC6QLS, at kc6qls@cox.net as soon as possible so this can be printed in time for the fair.

3. Legislative Oversight Report by Mike, N6OPH that the funds collected were put into a separate account at the direction of the SANDARC Council.

TASMA Report by Steve Early AD6VI that at the last general meeting VHF D-Star was approved for the Woodson Repeater.

ARRL Report by Steve Early AD6VI that he took office on April 1, 2008 as the new San Diego Section Manager. There was a Wild land Fire Safety class in April with a total attendance of 152. He has some positions to fill and if interested, contact him directly.

Club Reports:

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon: Report by Larry Plummer AE6AV is attached. **

SANDRA: Report by Bob Boehme W6RHV that he has no report due to they did not meet this month.

Convair Club: Report by Duane Naugle K06BT that they had their annual installation of officers last month. Last month's program was "Midway Magic" by George Rouse K06BU.

San Diego DX Club: Report by Paul Dorey WN6K that their last meeting was 4-23-08 with 48 in attendance at the Sizzler. The program was ZL8R. The Visalia Convention starts 4-24-08 and some have already left and others will be leaving on Friday.

Palomar Club: Report by Steve Early, AD6VI that the April meeting presentation was by Art McBride on the history of vacuum tubes. The May meeting will be on next wire and antennas. Field Day will be at the same location as last year.

* Reports emailed to the secretary prior to the meeting are attached hereto.

** Reports turned in at the meeting will be attached to the Minutes and distributed at the May meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Boehme W6RHV, seconded by Steve Weed KO4QT and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Rios, KC6TBG
SANDARC Secretary

SANDARC Education Report

Technician Class at Joan Kroc Center (Salvation Army)

A technician License Class was held on March 29th

The class was limited to 50 persons. 25 prospective students were turned away and need a class.

52 students took the exam, 46 passed

An additional Tech Class was held in Encinitas on March 29th. Results unknown.

General Upgrade Class:

Saturdays June 7th and June 21st, 2008

9AM until 3 PM each Saturday

At the Ray and Joan Corps Community Center

6845 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92115.

This class will be held in the Community Room and limited to 50 people

Registration by email to: Don.Read@usw.salvationarmy.org

Registration will be acknowledged by a reply e-mail with support material files attached.

Purchasing of the General Textbook is optional.

The class is free.

Instructor: Steve Early, AD6VI, Section Manager for ARRL San Diego Section.

Exam will be \$5 (SANDARC VEC), on June 21st, 1 PM.

Everyone should bring their original Technician license, a copy (to turn in), and a government issued picture ID.

Looking for instructors.

EARS SANDARC report for January 2008:

General activities:

- *Grape-day parade (Sep 8th)*. Several members of EARS took part in this Escondido annual event organized by Konrad Wallenda (N6UKO).
- *California QSO party (Oct 5th-7th)*. This was the second time that EARS has taken part in this event. Steve Alborn (KE6PY) was again the CQP chairman. The QTH was Dixon Lake in Escondido. The score was better than last year's – with the team amassing a huge 127167 points. The 'dream-team' consisted of the following members: Steve Alborn (KE6PY), John Musselman (N6EP), Robert Fritz (WD6S), Dennis Hergert (WA6IQY), Kurt Barnhart (N6MD), Dirk Reschly (N6SUN).
- *Miramar air show (Oct 12th-14th)*. This event is handled by ARES, and EARS members are always invited to take part.
- *San Diego Wild Fires (Oct 21st-27th)*. During this unfortunate time - many EARS members were active in assisting of passing radio traffic. Of particular note was Harry Hodges (W6YOO) – who was active throughout the whole of the proceedings from his home in South Escondido. One unfortunate piece of news was that Dennis Hergert (WA6IQY) lost his Rancho Bernardo home to the fires, but both he and his wife Judy are OK.
- *Escondido JC's Christmas parade (Dec 8th)*. Another annual event that EARS members keenly take part in – again organised by Konrad Wallenda (N6UKO). This year's event (the 57th) was unfortunately cancelled on the morning for safety reasons – due to inclement weather.
- *First Night activities (Dec 31st)*. The last local event of the year in which EARS members take part. Superbly organized as always by Jo Ashley (KB6NMK).

Club meetings for 2007:

- Aug – Getting youth interested in amateur radio. A 'round-table' discussion by Carl Gardenias (WU6D) on ideas and activities aimed at getting young people interested in amateur radio.
- Sep – ARRL dignitaries' night. A PowerPoint presentation on ARES by 'Mitch' Mitchell (K6BK) and Jim Cammarano (KG6R). The presentation included a Q&A session, plus a 'show-and-tell' with a Win-Link 'Go' kit.
- Oct – A DXpedition DVD/Video evening, generously provided by Harry Hodges (W6YOO).
- Nov – An impromptu talk & discussion about the recent wild fires in San Diego led by Kurt Barnhart (N6MD). The talk included first hand experiences from the club members, and discussions about what went well, and what could have been done better.
- Dec – Annual EARS Christmas party held at the residence of John & Lynn Belstner (W9EN) in Valley Center. A good time was had by all those who attended (especially the 'white-elephant' gift exchange). Numbers were down a little from last year, but it is believed that this was due to the weather.

Club meetings for 2008:

- Jan – ARRL Section Manager Candidate forum. The two candidates for the position of ARRL San Diego Section Manager (Pat Bunsold (WA6MHZ) & Steve Early (AD6VI)) answered questions from the audience on why they should be considered for the position. Both candidates did a great job of presenting themselves and answering many questions from the audience. There were 14 EARS members in attendance, and 13 non-EARS guests (mostly from Palomar club. Note that this position is currently held by Harry Hodges (W6YOO) on interim basis until the results of the February election are known.
- Feb – We have Vince Sheetz (KI6CFW) who works for Intel, and will be giving an overview of wireless data technologies - including WiMAX & WiFi.

- Mar – Our club president Steve Venner (W6TAN) will be giving a presentation on the manufacture of cellular telephones. It will also include some practical activities for the audience.
- Apr – Annual club auction. This annual event will be held in the gymnasium at the Salvation Army building in Escondido. The auctioneer is once again Art McBride (KC6UQH), and the event is open to all local clubs.

Finally - EARS will be holding its 35th birthday celebration in 2008.

Further details of club's latest news and the planned events for the coming year can be found on the EARS website: <http://www.earsclub.org>

Steve Venner (W6TAN).

EARS president.

C/O Ron Rosson
Sandarc Delegate