



Minutes of the December 21, 2016 Board Meeting

The meeting was held at the home of Marty Wayne, W6NEV, commencing at 7:19 PM on December 21, 2016. In attendance were Kristen McIntyre, K6WX (Pres), Marty Wayne, W6NEV (VP), Jim Thielemann, K6SV (Secretary/Membership), Ron Chester, W6AZ (Treasurer), Larry Rebarchik, N6DB (Dir), Darryl Presley, KI6LDM (Dir). A quorum was present.

Kristen, (K6WX), commented on what another great year PAARA had with all the activities and the growing membership. She congratulated the board on all their hard work in making it another fun packed year. "Let's have a replay for 2017", she said.

Kristen also mentioned what a large turnout we had at the December meeting for the Dream to Reality raffle and Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ, talk on Elecraft's history and new products. She also recognized and thanked Marty, Jim, Ron, Rebar, Darrel and Joel who ran for re-election/election in December.

Kristen mentioned her reserve of stories is nonexistent! She literally has no stories for 2017. Please, if you've committed to a story but not submitted it (there are several people out there fitting this category) put pen to paper or fingers on the keyboard and let your creative juices flow! Do you have any projects, Field Day experiences, technical articles, hints n kinks, DX contacts, or experiences setting up your station or antenna, on the air experiences that might be of interest? If you have not previously drafted that story or have a new story, now is the time to get a byline of your own in PAARAgaphs and get that story submitted to Kristen for publication. "Remember it is 'home grown' stories that make PAARAgaphs great", she said.

Vice President's Report: Marty, W6NEV, mentioned the January meeting is once again "Homebrew Night". It's time to dust off those projects you've been working on and bring them to the meeting for others to see. He also reported having a speaker lined up for March but none for February or the rest of the year. Please let Marty know if you know of anyone who would be of interest to the club.

Marty commented that his efforts in identifying the next PAARA field trip are starting to gel. The board discussed costs and a potential date for the trip. He's close to announcing the particulars of the next field trip. He'll likely announce the trip at the January meeting.

Secretary's report: Jim, K6SV, reported that we "cracked" the 200-member mark and now have 202 PAARA members! Thanks to everyone who has suggested to another ham that they should check out PAARA as many have become members. He also reported that there were 2 new members joining in December.

Remember the membership dues increase to \$25/year starting January 1, 2017. The family member rate will remain unchanged at \$6/year. If you plan on renewing for 2017,



renew before December 31st to take advantage of the current rate. In order to renew at the old rate, you'll have to send a check postmarked before December 31st or use PayPal through the PAARA web site.

Treasurer's Report: Ron, W6AZ, informed the board that the proceeds from the last month were on par for this time of year especially with it being membership renewal time. His next task will be to work on closing out the books for 2016.

Under Old Business,

Marty reported on his progress in identifying a location for the PAARA banquet and the possible costs. The board discussed his progress and possible dates. The current thinking is to find a date that conflicts with as few other ham events or contests as possible. This is a challenge owing to the large number of events throughout the year. The current date being considered is September 9th. The planning is still in the early stages. If you have any ideas on what you'd like to see for the event, let a board member know.

Darryl, KI6LDM, reported that he talked with Vic, AB6SO, regarding how he attracted new members to the club. With Vic's information, Darryl worked on creating a "scraping" program to mine data on Bay Area hams who have either renewed or received their 1st licenses. Thus far, the number of transactions seems to be around 100/month. The board discussed how to proceed with as automated a process as possible. This recruitment method is a work in progress which is moving forward. Thanks goes to Vic for his past efforts in attracting new members and providing the information to Darryl.

Rebar, N6DB, mentioned that he is still working on a list to keep track of the antenna work requests.

Jim, K6SV, mentioned still working on a list of items that should be on the trailer so if needed, the trailer could be deployed with little notice. He is also still looking into adding club signage to the boxes on the trailer.

There are several other items on the agenda that haven't been worked on very much, thus at this point there is no new news.

Under New Business: There was no new business.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM with Happy Holiday wishes all around. The board wishes all PAARA members, Happy Holidays.

Jim Thielemann
Secretary/membership
K6SV

Please welcome to PAARA:
New members: Paul Simon W6EXT, Henry Strickland W6REK