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From the President

Last month we went hunting. This month we'll start shooting, six shooting that is. This month we welcome one of our own board members, who will talk about the magic of six meters. Here is a band that is midway between ten meters and two meters but worlds apart in capabilities and scope. I can remember in the old days that if we operated on six meters, everybody in the neighborhood would complain that we were "tearing up" their televisions. Today, most people are on cable and that problem seems to have corrected itself. So sit back and enjoy exploring six meters with Joe, N6SIX. Neat call or what?

There is a change in the wind. It should be a change for the better. We need to know as a matter of record the feelings of the club members about all sorts of issues affecting amateur radio nationwide and locally as well. What can we do as members of the El Cajon Club to make amateur radio more attractive? We would like to hear from each of you, as this is not a presidential opinion but a Clubwise opinion. As everybody is aware, the advent of the personal computer has changed the landscape of amateur radio forever. But there should be a silver lining here for us hams to exploit. PSK-31 comes to mind when I speak

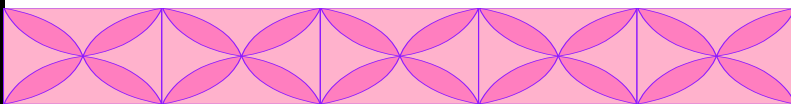
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MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 13, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 19:04 hours by President Mike Maston, N6OPH.

President's Agenda: Mike advised that voting on Bylaw changes will be held prior to the remainder of the meeting. "We have three ballot initiatives that need to be voted on ... we will get these out of the way first. Voting will be by paper ballot, there will be no show of hands. A two-thirds majority vote is needed for passage. Only paid-up full Club members as of this evening are permitted to vote. Votes will be counted at the end of balloting and results given immediately. The reason we are going over these issues again is because last month there were questions during a show of hands as to who was a paid member and who was not. Therefore, a motion was made to do a paper ballot."

First Bylaw Change: Article 5, para. A & B:

"Currently, we require the dues be paid by Dec 31st. This change has to do with the way we collect our dues... proposed is to collect them year to date".

Mike further explained that this means if you were to renew for one year in Feb, as an example, you would be up for renewal by the next Feb 1st.

Discussions were opened from the floor. Susan, KF6WXA, asked how this would affect those of us who have already paid? The same for everyone was the answer. If paid in January, then renewal will be next January. She asked if one pays in February, would they be grandfathered in? Mike said that person would have their renewal in February. There is no provision for "grandfathering". Roger, KE6PW, asked about the Early Bird prize for a person who renewed in October. Mike said if this change passes, then there will no longer be an Early Bird Prize. Steve clarified this question from Roger and the Chair answered, "2001 Early Birds were renewed as of January 2002 and that is their renewal month." Marco – How will this affect the Membership Chair's work load. Joni and Nancy have told the board and the membership that this change will not increase the work for them. Tuck told us that this change will spread the work load out more across the year. Rich, N6NJK, mentioned, "When asked at the board meeting, both the Membership Chair and the Treasurer said this change will assist their job." John, KF6XY, mentioned that in the February *Counterpoise* it reads that this motion was defeated at the last meeting." The Chair said he was "aware that he made a mistake about the two-thirds requirement at the last meeting. It was then requested that we reconsider this motion due to the fact that not all present were paid-up full members. This vote tonight

will correct that error." Erich moved to call for the vote. It was seconded by Tuck. The motion to proceed to the vote was approved. The President asked Rich, N5EV, and Rich, N6NJK, to hand out ballots and verify members are paid-up using tonight's current roster provided by Joni. The Voting proceeded. Susan, KF6WXA, asked the President for the floor. She thanked the officers and especially Mike, N6OPH, and the present board and Tom, KC6NXZ, for their professionalism in these last two meetings.

There were discussions as to how to more easily continue the voting on the next two issues. The chair considering the comments of those present determined that we would use one paper ballot for both of the next two issues. Al, KA6RLX, volunteered to collect the Ballots and turned them over to our counters: Cal, KG6FBV, and Tom, KG6FBU. After tallying the vote, the results were as follows: 41 Yes votes ; 6 No votes. Therefore, as to Art. 5, Paragraphs A & B, the changes as previously published here and in the Counterpoise were passed by the membership present.

President Mike introduced the second issue — the Bylaw change to Article XX, Paragraph (G), referring to this as "term limits". Specifically, "President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will not be limited to two consecutive terms in the same office." A motion was made by Tuck, seconded by Claude, KD6CYS, to make the next two votes a show of hands by virtue of the fact that N6NJK and N5EV have verified all of those here are paid members. The president then restated the motion for all to hear. "There is a motion on the floor that the voting for these next two issues be changed from a secret ballot to a 'division of the house', that is to say, a show of hands". Discussions: Susan, KF6WXA, mentioned that there was a motion at the last meeting that we do a paper ballot. Can we change now to a show of hands? Doug, KF6QXU, asked about how to determine a two-thirds vote by a hand vote? Gary, N6LRV, said in response to Susan's question: "This is a new and separate issue than last month's issue because we now know who present is a paid member."

Steve, AD6VI, asked: "Do Bylaws allow a division of the house vote?" Mike, N6OPH, said there is no problem with the Bylaws on this. Chuck, WD6APP, asked that we move the non-members to a separate area of the room for the show of hands voting in order to avoid any appearance of impropriety. The chair then asked if there was any objection to the unanimous consent request. It was then requested that the non-voting associates and guests reveal themselves.

The Secretary determined there was no problem in his counting of paid members. The question called for the proposal to use a show of hands. It was unanimously approved to change to a show of hands.

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of the marriage between ham radio and the computer. You don't even need a fancy computer! A Pentium 120 laptop would do just fine. There, of course, are other modes that employ the use of computers and radio. So don't despair and cry that the "sky is falling" just because people choose to use their computers more than ham radio. Just marry ham radio with the computer and conquer the airways. See you in March.

73's, Mike Maston, N6OPH



General Membership Minutes Continued

The chair recognized Susan, KF6WXA. She said she sees a problem with not having term limits due to the fact that new ideas and new administration are good for the Club. She indicated that we need more groups involved in Club, not just one. Gary, N6LRV, stated that it appears that some members see this change as eliminating annual voting for officers. Abolishment of term limits does not remove the annual vote for officers. Rich, N6NKJ, stated that term limits have served the Club in the past. The limits are no longer good for the Club. Let's eliminate them now.

The question was called for. Voting then proceeded on Article XX, Paragraph G. The results were as follows: 40 Yes votes; 11 No votes. The president determined this was a two-thirds majority and, therefore, the motion passed.

Mike, N6OPH, then introduced the third Bylaw change – add Paragraph H to Article XX:

"In the event that no nomination is proffered for an office and no one is elected to same, the current holder of that office would remain in office for a maximum of three months; at which time, if no club member is

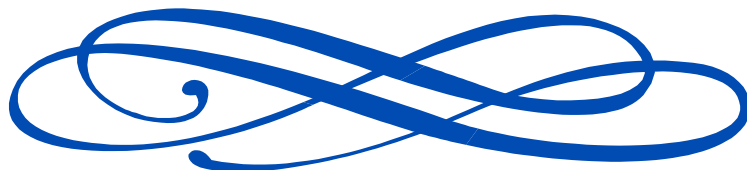
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March Birthdays

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0012	WA6CDD	Seth	Collier	Mar.	04
1300	KE6UFO	Earl	Leeder	Mar.	04
0766	KJ6KL	Frank	Zwick	Mar.	05
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1226	N6XD	Bill	Allen	Mar.	12
1535	W3ALL	Arthur	Leveille	Mar.	16
0364	K6DIX	Dick	Sawders	Mar.	16
1561	N7GDJ	David	Lamb	Mar.	17
0428	KF6QY	Tom	Giblin	Mar.	18
0602	WZ6K	Glenn	Boeck	Mar.	19
0489	WB6FWS	Dan	Floyd	Mar.	20
0004	WB6AXW	Jack	Dobbs	Mar.	21
0536	W6INI	Art	Smith	Mar.	22
1405	KF6MPB	Joni	Cranmore	Mar..	23
1520	KF6YVC	Robert	Moore	Mar.	23
1497	W6MKY	Michael	Ferry	Mar.	25
0928	K6KG	Kerry	Kohl	Mar.	26
0858	KC6USK	Bob	Cole	Mar.	26
0384	WD6AXD	Frank	Sprinkle	Mar.	28
0907	WB0NPM	Rick	Gentz	Mar.	29
1593	KG6EVA	Robert	Daily	Mar.	31



**Happy
Birthday!!!!**



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willing to volunteer to hold the office in question, the previous holder of that office would be appointed with a recommendation of the President and a majority consent of the current board of directors for the remainder of that term.” The Chair entertained arguments for and against the change. Rich, N6NKJ, reminded the membership that the reason this came up is we had no one to run for Treasurer for this year. Since we cannot do the Club business without a treasurer we had to appoint from the board members. This Bylaw change will give the Board time to locate a person to fill that office or appoint the current holder. Steve, AD6VI, pointed out that his change would clear up an ambiguity in the Bylaws when a person in office is willing to serve if no one else will but may not want to run for the office. Tuck called for the question, recognized by the president. A show of hands vote proceeded. The results were as follows: 43 Yes votes; 3 No votes. The president determined that since there is a two-thirds majority, the change to add para. H to Art. XX has passed.

Vice President's Report: March Meeting: Richard, N5EV, told us that we would have a six-meter band presentation by Joe, N6SIX, and another member of the Six Shooters as well as the Club. He said the rationale is that this will help give our technician members a topic closer to their license privileges. Richard announced that even though he wanted to retire after more than 20 years of service, the Air Force wants him to go to Washington D.C. and that he may have to go in July. **The April meeting** will be a town meeting here by Art Goddard, W6XD, our new ARRL SW-Division Director.

Past President's Report: Tuck, NZ6T, announced that the new club call for the ARCEC Contesters is KG6JLY. When we get our vanity call, WS6F will be the replacement.

Health and Welfare: On Jan 17, 2002 our friend and board member and co-founder of the Six Shooters, Phil Goodwin, W6BAS, became a silent key. We also lost another friend Mel Morgan, WB6HKU. Tom, KC6NXZ, asked that we have a moment of silence for these two amateurs.

Secretary's Report: The previous Minutes were approved as published and amended.

President: Joe, N6SIX, has volunteered to replace Phil on the Board. Tom Myrick, N6JOJ, has Club t-shirts available for purchase. Joe, N6SIX, has set up an equipment swap table tonight and the president suggests we try this for a few meetings to see how it goes. Mike mentioned again that we need a Chairman for the Del Mar Fair SANDARC Booth.

Swap Meet: Tom, N6JOJ, states that you may walk items up to the club table for sale but you must stay with the items. They are not there to sell your equipment for you. Also, do not ask the swap meet personnel at the gate to let you in to sell without

paying the full seller's fee.

Membership: Joni, KF6MFB, told us that we have 150 paid members as of this meeting and a new WAMO #1597 to Sam, KG6GYT, in El Cajon. Marco asked that everyone get on the WAMO net to thank Bob 'Frito', N6WKB, for his service as our Net Manager. He is soon to have 500 nets under his belt for the Club.

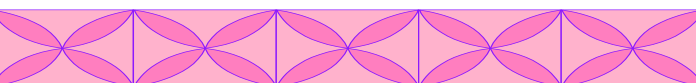
Public Service: Rich, N6NKJ, announced the SEMS/ICS Training requirement for ARES and RACES to get the new County I.D. Cards. The training class is on MARCH 9, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at S.D. County EOC. Contact your District EC. Enter at Complex & Topaz.. Be there by 8:30 to get into the gate. Rich needs volunteers for the April 20th Walk in CAMPO to benefit Children's Hospital. You must have a 2-meter H.T. with extra batteries. There will be a B-B-Q at the end.

Public Relations: Joe, N6SIX, is asking that you contact him if you have any issues regarding this position to benefit the Club. **Affiliated Clubs:** Larry, AE6AV, gave the SANDARC Report. He mentioned that there are now 13 clubs affiliated with SANDARC. Mike, N6OPH, told us of the upcoming Convention meeting in Escondido, CA at the Holiday Inn Express

Old Business: None.

New Business: Gary, N6LRV, brought to our attention the loss of SANDRA's two 60-foot towers on Mt. Otay due to the recent very high winds there. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Joe, W6JPB, to make a donation of \$200.00 to SANDRA to help with the extensive repairs needed to their repeater site. Erich, W6LKK, also Treasurer of SANDRA told us it may take as much as \$2,000.00 for the repairs and parts. Rich, N6NKJ, reminded us how valuable these downed repeaters are to area clubs and to A.R.E.S. The motion was amended by Al, KA6RLX, to increase the donation to \$500.00. Both the amendment and motion passed by unanimous vote of the membership. Tom, N6JOJ, mentioned he needs brochures to hand out at the swap meet. Tom, KC6NXZ, has these ready and will provide Tom with a supply of them.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Caudle, KC6NXZ
Secretary, Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



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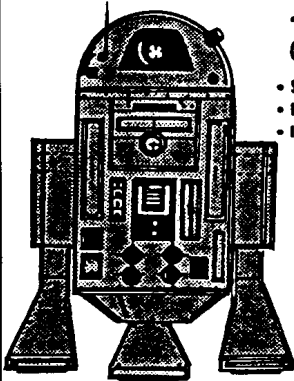
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