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EBARC Meetings

June 11, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

"Field Day Planning"

Check your email for Zoom link



The Executive Board meets monthly before each general meeting. For the date, time, & location, contact President Jay Sparks, at rajama@pacbell.net.

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June 11th EBARC Meeting Katie Carney, KN6APB

Our June 11th program will be all about Field Day plans! We will be cooperating with KARO-ECHO with specifics TBD. We will also go over the categories and rules/points for those simply wishing to operate at home.

The general EBARC meeting will again be held as a virtual Zoom meeting only. The Zoom link will be sent via email and be posted on ebarc.org. We hope you join us! Because of the pandemic, future meetings for at least a few more months will also be held via Zoom.

Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for preproofing this month's *Blown Fuse*.

Nature abhors a vacuum. So does my dog.

Black holes suck!

Treasurer's Report

April 2021

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, Treas.

APRIL GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance\$11,425.85

Income:

Renewal, KN6APB\$30.00

Earned Interest.....0.04

Total General Income:.....\$30.04

Disbursements:

Total General Disbursements.....\$0.00

Ending Balance\$11,455.89

(portion as petty cash..... \$40.00)

(portion as a US Bank CD... \$5,000.00)

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships

APRIL PAYPAL ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance\$96.80

Ending Balance\$96.80

May 2021 General Minutes Todd Teachout, W8BIK, Secretary

The EBARC General Meeting was held May 14, 2021, virtually, via the Zoom Internet conferencing application, as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. 23 people attended. The President called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The President welcomed attendees.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Todd reported that the draft April general meeting minutes were published in the May 2021 *Blown Fuse* newsletter. He reported receiving correction request regarding changing the title date from March to April, and the month of the next meeting from April to May. Corrections were made. No other

correction requests were made. He recommended that the group approve the minutes. Motion to approve by Sharon, seconded by Katie. Minutes approved by affirmation.

He reported that the draft April special meeting minutes were published in the May 2021 *Blown Fuse* newsletter. He reported receiving a request to correct the call sign of Mark Gilligan to KD6MZC. He asked if anyone had other corrections to suggest. None offered. He recommended that the group approve the Minutes. Motion to approve by Sharon, seconded by Ron. Minutes approved by affirmation.

He reported that the April 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes had been approved by the committee earlier in the evening.

Treasurer: No Report. Treasurer was absent.

3rd VP-Membership/Newsletter/VE Testing:

Sharon reported the deadline for the May *Blown Fuse* newsletter is May 25th. There were no new members to the club last month. Due to pandemic restrictions there still are no VE sessions scheduled for July. Sharon reported that she volunteered to be the By-Laws Committee Chair. She is joined by Don Simon, Lorraine Schnurr, Katie Carney, and Gary Knox. They met. From that meeting a survey was developed and distributed to the membership. Twenty seven responses were received as of tonight's meeting. Sharon urged attendees who haven't done so to respond. The deadline to respond is May 16, 2021.

1st VP-Programs: Katie reported that tonight's presentation will be "*Share your Shack-Part 2.*" The program topic for the June meeting will be about getting ready for Field Day.

2nd VP-Hospitality: No report given as there is a vacancy for this position. See further down these minutes for 2nd VP election.

President: President Jay again welcomed everybody. Jay asked if there were any announcements:

Announcements

Pacificon will be held October 15-17 at the San Ramon Marriott. The event returns after the pandemic-caused 2020 cancellation.

Ham Swap Meet is scheduled for May 30th, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Carmichael Elks Club, 5631 Cypress Ave., Carmicheal.

The Oakland Ham Radio Outlet Store is closing at the end of May. Sales are happening starting May 17 until the day of closure.

2nd Vice President Election

With the dismissal of 2nd VP, Mathison Ott, there is a vacancy for this officer position. Club Bylaws specify that a replacement election shall be held at the next general club meeting, which is this one. W6CUS Trustee/Webmaster Martin Rothfield has volunteered to be considered to serve in this role for the remainder of the year. Sharon nominated Martin. Kate seconded the nomination. Jay asked if any other attendees felt a desire or duty to be considered for this position. No responses were received. Jay closed the nominations and said Martin Rothfield is the candidate for the position. Jay called for a vote. Results are; ayes-22, nos-1, and abstain-0. Martin is elected as 2nd VP.

New Business

Field Day 2021

The Field Day committee consists of Katie and Jay. With pandemic restrictions easing, there is some desire to consider operating outdoors at a central location. Katie suggested teaming up with the KARO-ECHO Club.

Don Simon reported KARO-ECHO is making an effort to do Field Day outdoors. Because it is too late to secure a spot at Caesar Chavez Park in Berkeley (the traditional EBARC Field Day location), they expect to secure permission to operate at an El Cerrito Park. The specific park has not yet been determined or approved.

Don secured a KARO-ECHO club callsign, and would like some contacts made during Field Day to credit this new callsign. The tentative plans are Field Day will be a Saturday daytime activity. Setup to start at 7:00 a.m. Field Day operations to start at 10 a.m. and go until approximately 7 p.m.

KARO-ECHO has primarily operated as a VHF/UHF club with accommodation of Amateur, GMRS, and FRS operations. EBARC is generally considered the HF Club in the area. Teaming up would be mutually beneficial.

NALCO, which has for the last several years partnered with EBARC on Field Day, wants to participate in some form this year.

The current plan is to operate from solar-augmented battery operations. The thought is that with this setup they can operate up to 100 watts. Little to no QRP (5 watts or less) operation is expected. Gas powered generator is also not expected. There is an expectation that an all band dipole antenna will be used as well as a Hex beam antenna.

Manpower is needed to make this work. Katie volunteered to help with press releases and day of manpower. EBARC promotional info will be welcome. Howdy is developing a Google Sheet to document resources.

Jay is ok with partnering. Katie and Jay will work with Don and Howdy and others. Details are expected to be firmed up by next EBARC General Meeting.

In-Person EBARC Meetings

Don asked if a date has been decided to return to In-person meetings. It was reported that September is being considered. A challenge exists, as a venue has not been determined or secured. Don suggested a task force be formed to evaluate possible new meeting sites. Jay reported that a committee is considering this issue currently. It would welcome new people and ideas. Martin indicated he would check around. It was suggested that any location being considered should have capacity to accommodate up to 50 people.

Sharon reported that EBHam has a list of possible sites. If you are curious about these locations, or if you have ideas for other locations, submit your request / ideas to EBHam.office@gmail.com.

There was some discussion of past meetings (pre-internet, pre-cell phones era). There was also some discussion of what other nearby clubs are doing.

Rick Taft indicated the club should consider Chabot Space Center. They have meeting rooms. They are an educational institution. Education is also a mission of the Amateur Radio service and EBARC. Chabot has promoted ham radio in the past with static exhibits. There may be an opportunity to set up a station to allow dynamic exhibit. He did report that a thorough assessment should be made. If the facility meets the needs, then the club will need to prepare a formal written proposal outlining what the club can offer Chabot and what Chabot can offer the club.

Mark Gilligan made a point with more and more vaccines being administered and State of California issuing plans to ease restriction on June 15, he hoped the club could resume in-person meeting in the summer, before September.

Presentation: *Share Your Shack-Part 2.*

Katie encouraged members to discuss their shack or parts of it. This discussion can be show-and-tell about your home shack, your mobile set up, your historical gear collection, your antenna farm, or the dream shack you like to have (or saw and admired).

The following members discussed their shack and/or operations activities: Rick Taft, Alvin Todd, Ron Smith, Karen Fenton, Lorraine Schnurr, "DJ" Djovida, and Chris Harwood.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m. Next meeting is June 11, 2021. Topic will be Field Day Planning and Coordination.

Bylaws Committee

Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ

Twenty-nine of our sixty-six members answered our online survey. Thank you for such an awesome response! Here's what all of you told us (no, neutral, yes), followed by only officers & former officers (no, neutral, yes):

1. Should the Hospitality function be optional and not assigned to an officer (less multitasking, more meeting venues)? (4/9/16) & (1/1/7)
2. Should the non-elective Member-at-Large officers be disallowed? (5/9/15) & (1/3/5)
3. Should the number of elective officers be reduced to five (from six)? (3/12/14) & (0/4/5)
4. Should officers no longer be standing committee chairs (e.g. 1st Vice President as Program Committee Chair)? (13/10/6) & (5/4/0)

5. Should elective officers be voted upon as a group, with the newly elected officers thereafter appointing President, Treasurer, etc.? (17/4/8) & (7/0/2)
6. Should officers serve two-year alternating terms, electing half one year and the other half the next year? (9/7/13) & (4/3/2)
7. Should officers be limited to serving no more than 4 years in a row in the same office? (13/5/11) & (4/2/3)

We are listening and hope to have proposed Bylaws for you to see before the June meeting. You can see our current bylaws at ebarc.org. If you any suggestions for us to consider, please email EBHam.office@gmail.com.

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.ebarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Calendar of Bay Area Ham Radio Public Service Events."
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio test sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. Because of COVID, there are tentative plans for 4th Sundays in Jul and Oct in 2021. The fee is \$15. Candidates must preregister at davidotey@comcast.net or call 510-741-8227.
- East Bay Section ARRL ARES; arrrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/eb. CoCoCo ACS Training: Details from "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arrrl.net, (415) 215-6658, or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz. Also see Sheriff Office's Communications Unit David Nielson, K6CDN, davidnielson@yahoo.com

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2021 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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2021 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

Mathison Ott, KJ6DZB, Field Day Chair 701-0234
 Education; Ken Fowler, KO6NO..... 222-0830

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Contra Costa Com. Club Digital Net (by arrangement)	Tue*	1900 (PL 82.5+)	444.275
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Tue	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
"QRM Net"	Tue	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 (PL 107.2-)	145.490
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 simplex	145.430
UCB ARC (W6BB) Club Net	Wed	1900 (PL 103.5+)	442.275
West Contra Costa EMCOMM Net	Thu	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
KARO/ECHO ARES EMCOMM Net	Thu	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO ARES EMCOMM Net	Thu	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thu	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thu	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0900 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0915 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0930 (PL 82.5+)	444.275

ACS West CoCoCo: "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arri.net, (415) 215-6658.*
 Frequencies: #1=145.110, #2=147.570s.