

FARC Board of Directors Meeting  
February 5, 2013

**Call to Order: 1920**

The Board's meeting place was at Ken Holden's house. Stuart Home was not feeling well and Ken was kind in having the meeting at his abode. Even had pie and ice cream!

**Roll Call**

- President Stuart Home WB6VRJ
- Vice President #1 Ken Holden WA6OIB
- Vice President #2 Joe Cardoza WA6FFJ
- Secretary Jim Erbe W6NIF
- Treasurer Ron Hunt N6MTS
- Director Joe Capell W0PJD
- Director Aaron Lusk K6USY
- Director Jack Baker AC6LT
- Director Larry Kramer K6VLF
- Director John McGraw AE6QR

**Previously BOD Minutes to be read by Secretary.**

- Approved      Disapproved

**Officer Reports**

President's Report: Stuart Home WB6VRJ: Absent

Treasurer's Report: Ron Hunt N6MTS: Checking has \$4988.64. Savings has \$4135.91  
Will be billing our advertisers \$60 to advertise in the Skip. We have a total of 5  
advertisers. Also our new insurance provider, Hayes, only costs \$200.00 verses  
the \$400 plus of Marsh insurance. Same coverage maybe somewhat better.

Secretary's Report: Jim Erbe W6NIF. Nothing to report. Getting a good start on  
membership. 45 so far.

**Old Business**

The proposed By-Laws will be voted upon by the members present at the next club  
meeting. If passed, the new By-Laws stand as amended and will be valid after the  
vote. The number of Board members will be reduced to 7. Right now it is 11.

Still need replacements for Ron, N6MTS and Jim, W6NIF. At this meeting, both have  
said they will continue on as Treasurer and Secretary, filling the available 1 year terms  
vacated by N6OSB and N6IB, both who have resigned. Maybe things can turn around by  
the August nominating time table to fill these 2 positions.

## **New Business**

Ron talked about somehow putting pictures of club members, past and present, on the W6TO webpage, in a folder that can be opened and viewed. It would be a great way to see who you have talked with over time.

W6AIY suggested the the club put together a new member packet, info about the ARRL and other ham related literature. W6TO still has a free one year's membership to all new Hams that want to join FARC.

With Field Day a few months away, we need a place to operate our radio equipment for that event. Ron, N6MTS, is our chairperson and is looking for a place other than Pine Ridge school, the high Sierra site that we have used for years. We are thinking about more public exposure to ham radio and that means that a site on the valley floor would be what is needed. Ron will start checking places such as Manchester Mall, Save Mart Center (parking lot), etc. If nothing can be procured, then we will be at Pine Ridge.

## **Other Items**

Get projector from Gabriel. Joe will check with Gabriel.

At our club meetings, chat with new visitors. Just don't let them sit by without any interaction. Make them welcomed.

Contesting will be the topic at February's club meeting. Should be very interesting. Dave Smith, Duane Lutz, Ron Hunt, Johnny Souza, Jim Erbe, and Steve Bassett will give talks on how they look at contesting.

Ken is looking for topic people for the club's Friday night meetings.

WA6FFJ..what about an Amateur Radio Awareness Day setup? Get recognition that way. Set up equipment at shopping center parking lots, etc.

K6VLF still trying to promote balloon launch for the club. Need a lot of equipment, tracking equipment and so forth. Expendable? Very costly. Kickstarter.com is a site that helps finance projects per Larry.

Adjourn at: 2114. Motion made by Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim  
Next meeting will be at Stuart's house. Starts at 7 PM