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EBARC Meeting

October 9, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Review of Proposed Bylaws
Changes by EBARC Members



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Applan Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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October Meeting Program

The proposed changes to EBARC's Constitution and Bylaws will be discussed at length at October's general meeting. Be sure to attend this important discussion, so the changes will reflect the desires of EBARC members, especially *your* opinion. (See the following article.)

Proposed EBARC Constitution and Bylaws Changes

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has completed a draft of proposed changes to the EBARC Constitution and Bylaws. Committee members are: Ken Fowler, KO6NO; Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF; and Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ. The Committee thanks Varon Smith, WS6V, who offered changes in advance and reviewed the draft from his legal perspective. Others who also helped include Ron Smith, KE6RS, and Peter Hoffman, W6DEI. The intent of the committee was to make the documents clear, robust, modern, fair, and (hopefully) long-lasting.

The proposed changes are extensive and were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee on Sept. 7, 2009. The main proposed changes are listed below.

- Bring the documents up to a standard that agrees with legal requirements for a corporation of EBARC's type
- Provide mechanisms for the removal of officers from office and members from the club, and define appeal processes for removals
- Clarify the mechanism for members to call a special meeting
- Precisely define the Executive Committee and its quorum, to assure that EBARC business can be conducted at its meetings
- Make the Executive Committee more representative of the members' wishes by limiting its voting members to the six elected officers and up to two appointed Members-at-Large
- Precisely define categories of EBARC membership and quorum requirements for general membership meetings
- More precisely define the pay (\$0), duties, and terms of office for officers, committee chairs, and the Trustee and how they are elected or appointed
- So that more members have a say in the club, require snail mail election of officers and a mechanism for counting the returned ballots
- Move some language between and within the Constitution and Bylaws so that they are consistent and non-repetitive, which involved renumbering some Articles
- Change member notification procedures to allow for electronic delivery instead of snail mail (or telegram!)
- Define ownership of club property and some robust banking rules
- Define which committees are standing committees and which are optional
- Clarify responsibilities of Trustee and Club Station Manager(s)

In accordance with the current Constitution and Bylaws, this proposal will be submitted in writing at the October regular meeting, and will

be voted upon at the November meeting. Members will be notified of the intent to amend the Constitution and Bylaws by snail mail at least ten days before the November meeting. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the November meeting. So that members will have time to look at the extensive proposed changes in advance, they have been posted on the EBARC Web site www.eastbayarc.org (from which you can print a copy). If you don't have Web access, you may request a printed copy from Sharon, aa6xz@earthlink.net or 510-741-8227. If you cannot attend the October meeting, but wish to have your opinion heard in the discussion, also contact Sharon.

General Meeting Minutes September 11, 2009

Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, Acting Secty.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Ken Fowler, KO6NO.

Treasurer Gordy Parsons, NU6W, read the August Treasurer's report. He will give the club's tax information to Al Streit, who will prepare the club's 2008 return.

Hospitality Chair, Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, thanked Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, for the cookies for tonight's meeting.

President Ken has QST issues to give away.

Secretary, Charles Hayes, AF6AB, has resigned. Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, will fill in for him until the end of 2008. Russell Wikander, KI6CEZ, volunteered to pick up EBARC's mail.

Station Manager, Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, reports that the club station electricity has been restored. We will be putting up new tarps on the roof, since we still have no information from the City of Richmond as to EBARC's status in the building.

Education Chair, Randy, says EBARC will probably provide a Technician class at Alvarado School next spring. If there's enough interest, a General class can be held.

Ken reported that the bylaws committee (himself, Randy, and Sharon) has completed their work, and the proposed, extensive, changes are now posted on the Web site. Discussion will happen at the October meeting, and adoption will be voted on at the November meeting (to take effect in 2010).

Ken reported that the nominating committee for 2009 EBARC officers is Robbie Robinson, Randy Jenkins, and Don Hamma. Ken urged people to run for office. Contact a member of the committee if you're interested in serving.

On this 9/11 anniversary, Ken led a discussion of hams and their role in future terrorism acts, especially the survivability and portability of equipment.

There was a discussion of whether we should have another crab feed. At last year's feed, our profit was only \$200, half of which was from \$100 of donated gifts. The Salvation Army site can hold 85 people, and we probably didn't get that many last time. We'd need to sell 30-40 tickets. Members were polled, and there was minimal interest.

Ron Smith, KE6RS, talked about QRPacificon, to be held in Milpitas, Oct. 9-10. This is to replace the QRP meetings once held at MDARC's Pacificon convention.

Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH, led a discussion of several upcoming public service events: 1) Sept. 20th, El Sobrante Stroll; 2) Sept. 26th, City of El Cerrito Safety Fair; 3) Oct. 3rd, Hercules Safety Fair; 4) Oct 14th, Contra Costa College; 5) Sept. 19th, No. Richmond Picnic in Burg Park, 11 a.m. 2 p.m. Texx will attend with an HT; 6) Oct 16-17, Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air. Red Oak Victory and USS Hornet will have stations on the air. EBARC will have the club station open for the event, and we need a

General class control operator to volunteer for the event.

A motion to approve minutes of the August general meeting as printed in *The Blown Fuse* was made by Randy, seconded by Ron, and passed.

December's EBARC general meeting is the installation of officers. We'll have a potluck party / "sugar feed."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. for a talk about SATERN by Chuck, ?KI6BCD?.

QRPacificon 2009

Ron Smith, KE6RS

QRPacificon 2009 will be held October 9 and 10th this year in Milpitas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel; Crowne Plaza Hotel San Jose – Silicon Valley, 777 Bellew, Milpitas, CA 95035. The front desk phone is 408-321-9500. The hotel is located in Milpitas just a short distance from the San Jose Airport and has a complimentary airport shuttle. There is free parking for guests and attendees of QRPacificon 2009. The hotel's booking link for the QRPacificon 2009 rate of \$65 per night is:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=1457326 If you do not wish to book online, please call 888-233-9527 to make reservations and ask for the Norcal QRPacificon 2009 rate of \$65

QRPacificon 2009 Events schedule

- Silicon Valley surplus store tour Friday afternoon
- No host dinner Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. (location to be announced)
- Meet and greet in the hotel ballroom along with vendors and swap meet, about 7-11p.m.
- Saturday morning is the De Anza College Electronics Flea Market:
<http://www.electronicfleamarket.com>.
Folks often arrive with flashlights before

daylight to get the best bargains. The location in Cupertino is about a 20 minute drive from the hotel.

- We will start presentations at 10:30 a.m. and will have a great lineup of speakers. Presentations will run throughout the day
- Lunch will be 12:30 – 2 p.m. with presentations following until 5 p.m.
- Saturday evening is dinner on your own 5-7 p.m.
- At 7 p.m. we will regroup in the ballroom for an auction. Due to time constraints, we will limit it to one item per seller, so bring something surplus that needs a new home.
- We will also have door prizes and lots of fun, so come out and join us for QRPacificon 2009.

Future Bay Area Events

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2nd Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at www.asvaro.org. Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- 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. The remaining date for 2009 is Oct. 25th, and the fee is \$15. Info at 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at www.cc-races.org or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

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The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.eastbayarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond.

2009 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

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 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, www.cc-races.org.