

SC4ARC BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2021
Virtual Meeting – Google Meet

Executive Officers Present		Subordinate Officers Present
President, Jeneen Sommers	W6NCS	PIO – Lisa Chupity W6LSC
Vice-President, Bob Mitton	KM6DKE	
Treasurer, Peter Chupity	KI6FAO	
Secretary, Pat O’Coffey	KJ6GMG	
Member at Large, Eva Knodt	KN6CZD	
Member at Large, Irma Mitton	KM6JVU	
Member at Large, Angelo Dragone	N6QAD	

1.0 Meeting called to order by President and Chair, Jeneen Sommers, W6NCS at 1609 hours.

1.1. A Quorum was present

2.0 Business

2.1. **Approved minutes** for January 9 Board Meeting and January 16 General Meeting.

2.2. **Changes at LHFB:** Pat reported that there will be no changes with the Fire Brigade’s relationship with SC4ARC or SC4ARES. It is currently unknown who will be responsible for authorizing activations, but it is likely to be either Paul or Ari or both.

2.3. **Trailer Committee** budget approved.

2.4. **Badges:** A few members do not yet have SC4ARC badges. Pat will provide a list of new members already paid for 2021 to Peter. When the 2021 membership is established, Peter will provide badges to those who do not yet have them.

2.5. **Vests:** The approved vests for ARES do not have pockets. The Board decided that we should have the following: (1) a “club” vest instead of an ARES approved vest, (2) standardized, (3) pockets and the antenna slot, (4) available in different sizes, (5) club information and call sign.

2.5.1. There are several websites with vests that might meet our requirements. Board members are requested to view the options and submit their preferences to the board. Recommendations will be presented at the General Meeting.

2.6. **IT thumb drive** for secretary: Peter will provide Pat with a file of passwords relevant to club related entities to be stored on a thumb drive and/or cloud.

2.7. **Status of google grant:** Peter explained that our google suite is provided to us as a 501c3 grant. If we meet certain 501c3 requirements, such as non-discrimination, our grant will be renewed annually.

2.7.1. Google suite is primarily used by board members for document storage and shared editing. Each folder established can have authorized users, even if not a board member. Access can be set to view only or edit. It is a great way to conduct committee business.

2.7.2. Google Suite has a lot of capability. Board members are encouraged to view the google help videos to understand its full functionality.

2.8. **Status of Jack's plaque:** The intent was to place this plaque at the site of the 440 repeater. However, since this repeater is "out of view", it makes sense to put it on the 2m repeater Conex box or in the Fire Brigade, post remodel. Craig has indicated that it does not make sense to put it with the 2m repeater. Jeneen will follow-up with Craig about putting it in the firehouse.

3.0 Committee Status

3.1. **2m Progress:** The Conex box is in place and the outside connection has been weather proofed. The railroad ties have been moved to the site. Next step is to get the Conex box onto the railroad ties and then move the repeater. It is difficult to do tractor work when the ground is wet. Therefore, we need a dry spell before this step can be completed.

3.2. **Repeater Maintenance Crews:** Peter or others check the 2m periodically for rat damage. It makes sense to have a repeater maintenance crew to check the status of the 2m (once moved), the 440 and the Butano repeaters at least once every 6 months. Jeneen to ask for volunteers at the general meeting.

3.3. The **website committee** is making great progress. An update can be found on the website at the following link: http://www.sc4arc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/website-committee-feb21_recommendations--1-.pdf

3.4. **Education and Outreach:** Currently the committee is focusing on getting an Elmer program in place. Three Elmers have signed up for this responsibility. We will discuss at the general meeting.

4.0 Training

4.1. **ARES training** sessions will be held every other month at the end of the general meeting, starting in March.

4.2. **Tech Class Update:** Date still TBD. The first class will have only 5 students. Targeted area is Middleton and Alpine for the first class.

4.2.1. We now have 4 ARRL certified license examiners in the club.

5.0 Fundraising

5.1. **2021 Budget:** With the \$35 membership fee, we should be okay to meet all expenses this year.

5.2. **Grant Committee:** Only one person has signed up for this committee to date.

5.3. **RFQ for Wildfire Preparedness:** Irma reviewed 3 RFQs that are available for Heat and Wildfire Community Preparedness projects through Climate-Ready San Mateo County. She also submitted to the Board a proposal for SC4ARC to join the Pescadero Foundation in sponsoring a new initiative, South Coast Sustainable.

5.3.1. There does appear to be some opportunities for SC4ARC to contribute towards this project. However, the deadline for submission of the proposal is 2/17/21. This makes it hard to plan our involvement and financing requirements.

5.3.2. Pat will provide Irma with contacts for other local 501c3 organizations which

may be able to participate.

5.3.3. Hopefully, the County will extend the deadline and/or offer this opportunity again next year when we have more time to strategize.

6.0 Agenda for February 20 General Meeting

6.1. Officer's Reports

6.2. Committee Status

6.3. ARES Training Schedule

6.4. Tech Session. Bob presented a number of ideas for technical sessions to be held every other month, starting in February, after the general meeting. Ideas include: band plan review, repeaters, programming, building a dipole antenna, what can I do with a Ham license, basic contesting, and Shack in a Box. This month, he will cover Shack in a Box.

7.0. Meeting Adjourned at 1757 hours.