

SC4ARC BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting – ZOOM

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 1605 hours.

1.1. A Quorum was present.

2.0 Business

2.1. **Approved minutes** for March 20 Board Meeting and March 13 General Meeting.

2.2. **Nora’s Fund:** The Board agreed that approvals for requests from Nora’s Fund need the approval of the executive officers, not the full board.

2.3. **Club email address:** The Education Committee needs a way to reach the public without members using their own personal e-mail addresses. The Board agreed that members of the Education Committee will get a club e-mail address. The head of that committee (Linda) will be able to add or delete those e-mail addresses as the composition of the committee changes.

3.0 Field Day: June 26-27

3.1. We will begin planning for a hybrid field day. **IF** MROSD accepts our permit for La Honda Open Space – Sears Ranch, we will have a set up there for those who feel comfortable in that setting. **AND** we will also be able to operate from our homes as we did last year.

3.1.1. A permit has been submitted but is NOT being accepted by MROSD at this time. If the situation changes, they will notify us.

3.2. Jeneen will post a request on our website for a volunteer to be IC this year. Angelo has done a great job documenting everything for both the outside and at home version of Field Day. Therefore much of the work is already done.

4.0 Butano Digipeater and Coastside Winlink Coverage

4.1. During our ARES activations last year, we discovered that we had problems with winlink coverage at the firehouse. Thanks to Peter, we now have winlink / packet coverage for all the coastside from Butano to HMB and to Skyline and King’s Mountain.

4.1.1. The King’s Mountain ham folks have changed their frequency to our winlink frequency.

- 4.1.2. Peter installed a digipeater at Butano
- 4.1.3. There is a HMB winlink station at Cameron's Café which gives us excellent reception there and good reception at the EOC in HMB.
- 4.1.4. The winlink station at Castanea Ridge on Skyline gives us coverage in Loma Prieta, San Jose and even sometimes Pleasanton.

5.0 Training

5.1. **Tech Class Update:** The hybrid class is in its third week. Only 2 students are attending, but they are getting extra attention. Peter is pleased with the format.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1. **2m Project:** The repeater is safe and happy inside its new home. We still have some work to do: painting, permanent wiring, etc.

6.2. **Website Committee:** The top pages will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

6.3. **Education and Outreach Committee:** The Board approved the three "buddy" letters that will be going out to the following audiences: new HAMS, existing HAMS and CERT members.

6.3.1. The secretary will send the committee a list of members and their e-mail addresses. Kat will provide the list of CERT members.

6.4. **Grant Committee:** Nothing to report.

7.0 Miscellaneous

7.1. **VESTS:** We have selected two options for vests; a low-cost (\$35-\$40) and a high-cost (\$150-\$200) version. Jeneen will post the two options on our website and we can pick the one we want to purchase. Our Emergency Ham information will come on the back of all vests. Jeneen to purchase a cricket machine to produce the call signs which can be added to the vests.

8.0 Public Information

8.1. Our PIO, Lisa Chupity, was recently interviewed for a documentary on the CZU Fire. Unfortunately, her portions were not included in the outcome, but it is an excellent documentary on our environment. The documentary is called Bay Area Bountiful and the utube link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi7X1NkGExA>

8.2. Lisa will be writing an article on the winlink capability on the coastside for the next Skylines newsletter and Facebook/twitter.

9.0 Agenda for March 20 General Meeting

- 9.1. Officer's Reports
- 9.2. Committee Reports
- 9.3. Field Day
- 9.4. 10m presentation by W6NZH
- 9.5. Presentation on coastside winlink capability by KI6FAO

10.0 Round Table

10.1. **Smoke Point:** Our very own, Gabe Schine, has created an app called Smoke Point for identifying the exact location of smoke that we see. Gabe will make a zoom presentation on

Smoke Point sometime on Sat., April 24. Time and details forthcoming.

10.2. **CERT and GMRS Radios:** Two COVID safe skills training sessions have been scheduled for May 1 and May 2 for our recent hybrid graduates. As part of a State CERT Grant the Fire Brigade got last year, we have purchased a GMRS Repeater and some GMRS TERA radios. These radios will be dispatched with CERT Teams that are activated. Part of the skills training will be to discuss / demonstrate these radios. Pat will be asking for volunteers on our website to do this at the skills training.

10.3. We will invite Chief Paul Long to attend our May General Meeting to discuss fire season preparation.

11.0. Meeting Adjourned at 1658 hours.