Calendar for October, 2000

October 4, 2000 General membership, at 7:30 P.M. SCRA's General Membership Meeting Aglient Technologies, 1400 Fountain Grove Parkway in Santa Rosa At the time of submittal, the program:

October 11, 2000 , at 6:30 o'clock P.M. SCRA's Board of Directors Meeting Masterstouch Morgage, 8979 Conde Lane in Windsor All SCRA members are welcome to attend.

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Notice:

Your SCRA Board of Directors has reviewed the club's constitution and bylaws. The Board has drafted changes to the documents that will bring them into compliance with the state corporations code, make them more like typical governing documents and provide for fairer representation of the membership. A brief summary of the major changes is detailed below.

- 1. The classes of membership have been redefined as Member and Associate Member. The definition of membership has been consolidated into the constitution.
- 2. A definition of the powers of the Board has been added. The Board appointed chairmen of the activities, public service and repeater committees have been removed as voting members of the Board as it violates the corporations code for non-profit, membership organizations. These positions have been moved to a new section defining the roles for standing committees. The chairmen will serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of the Board. The proposed changes also provide for term limits for the elected officers and directors, and, provides for removal from office for lack of attendance.
- Creation of a new section that establishes standing committees for activities, public service and repeater committees.

 The section includes a listing of the responsibilities of the committees and establishes a term of office for committee
- Better defines that any changes to the constitution and bylaws must be made at regularly scheduled membership meetings.

A copy of the club constitution and bylaws in included in this Shortskip for your review. The proposed new text is underlined and text to be removed is shown in strike out.

The proposed changes were reviewed and approved for presentation to the membership by the SCRA board of Directors at their August 9, 2000, meeting. At the September 6, 2000, membership meeting Greg Gordon AC6VJ made a motion that the proposed changes be made to the constitution and bylaws. The motion was seconded. The motion to adopt the recommended changes will be voted on by the membership at the October 4, 2000, meeting.

Please review the proposed changes. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any officer or director.

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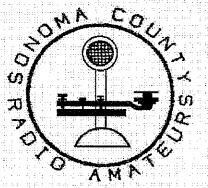
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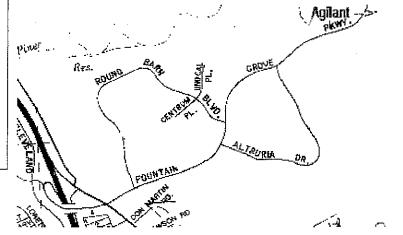
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We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting. Membership in SCRA is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. If you would like to join, there is a membership application in this issue.

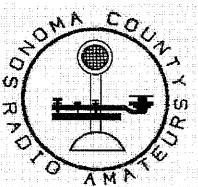
Next Meeting:

September 6, 2000 7:30pm

The next program will be ARRL Pacific Division Director Jim Maxwell W6CF. Jim's program will be "What ever happened to Eric Palmer, Jr." Eric was the only Ham known to have his license suspended without having violated any FCC rules. Want to know why? Come to the meeting.......



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Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 9-13-2000

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rick Reiner K6ZWB, Greg Gordon AC6VJ, Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV, Rich Freitas KF6SZA, Bill McCall W6WDM, John Mullan KD2L, and Jeff Basham W2JAB.

Guests Present: Brian Torr N6IIY, Randy Black KE6VMZ and Sue Mullan K8SUE.

- Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reiner K6ZWB 6:39 PM. The meeting was held at the offices of Master's Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor. A quorum was present in that eight of the eight voting board members were present.
- Approval of Minutes Jeff W2JAB moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of August 9, 2000, be approved as printed in Shortskip. The motion passed.
- 3. Officer & Director Reports
 - a. Treasurer
 - Current Financial Jim KE6VGV did not have a report.
- b. Officers

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- i. Secretary Mail & Communications Bill KH6GJV distributed the mail to the appropriate officers and presented the newsletters that the club had received. He also advised that the park permit for Field Day 2001 was in hand. The Board directed that a letter be submitted to the National Park Service for the Alcatraz lottery.
- ii Vice President Greg AC6VJ reported that the original club banner was again missing. It was last seen in the custody of Larry Gustafson KD6VUM. Greg reported that Larry said that he could not find it.
- iii Rick K6ZWB requested that the SCRA web-site have a Thank You to the Santa Rosa Cycling Club for their donations.
- c. Directors Bill W6WDM reported on the 30 second promo video available from a San Francisco ad agency. He will find out the format for the local stations and get a copy.
- 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities Committee Jeff Basham W2JAB
 - Swap Meet Final planning for the swap was conducted.
 - ii. Christmas Dinner (Michele's) The December 6th meeting will be the club's annual Christmas party. The menu was reviewed. John KD2L moved that the dinner fee be \$25 per person. Motion passed. Further discussion ensued. Jeff W2JAB moved that the dinner cost be \$22 per person if prepaid by November 15th and \$25 per person if paid after that date. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b Newsletter Henry Tate KE6ORF was not present to make a report. Bill KH6GJV reported that Henry had

advised him that due to classes, he would not be able to attend Wednesday meetings. Henry had also advised that he would like to pass the editor duties to someone else after the term. Bill W6WDM said that he would consider the position.

- c Public Service Committee John KD2L reported on the following public service events: 9/17 Clo's Classic, 9/23-24 Waves to Wine. John has sufficient operators for the 17th, but needs more people for the Waves-to-Wine.
- d Repeater Committee Greg Gordon AC6VJ
 - Status of Repeaters Greg advised that everything seemed to be working normally.
 - ii. Autopatch long distance request by KE6UAR & KD6GCK - Jim and Darlene had experienced a problem with the autopatch controller not allowing calls to their home. There being no objection, the Board authorized the Repeater Committee to establish a calling procedure for Jim and Darlene.
 - iii. Meeting with DES Greg AC6VJ recapped the result of the meeting with County DES and Communications. In general, after the first of the year, individual access to the Sonoma Mountain site would be prohibited. County staff stated that in the future, county technicians would deliver inoperative equipment to club representatives for repair. CalSites had offered the use of the English Hill site as SCRA's primary location. Bill W6WDM moved that SCRA equipment be moved to English Hill and SCRA ask the County for the GE Master II radio. The motion passed.
 - iv. Net Control Operators 10-3 VJ, 9-10 WDM, 10-17 RMW, 10-24 IIY, 10- 31 JAB
- Unfinished Business
 - Meeting Programs Nov- Open Future program ideas -Cell Phone Technology, Surface Mount Devices, CATV Systems, Force 12
 - b. Club Calendar No changes
- New Business
 - a. Santa Rosa Cycling Donation Randy Black KE6VMZ on behalf of the Santa Rosa Cycling Club presented two checks to the club. One check was for \$2,500 for the grant that was submitted, and the other \$200 check was the balance of the amount from the original antenna donation request. The Board will be researching how best to express their thanks to the SECC.
- 7. Announcements None
- 8. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. **Membership Meeting 9-6-2000**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reiner K6ZWB at 7:38 PM at the Santa Rosa Agilent Technologies facility. There were 52 people present.
 - a. Introductions
 - i. Officers & Directors The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
 - ii. Guest Speakers Jim Maxwell W6CF, ARRL Pac Div Director
 - iii. Visitors Bob Tuttle, guest of KE6VGV; Rich AA1Z; John KG6BHI; Vern N6IRQ; Trudy Maxwell; Len Gwinn WA6KLK, ARRL SF Section Manager
 - iv. New Calls & Upgrades Mark KF6TYS upgraded to General
- 2. Approval of Minutes Jeff Basham W2JAB moved that the minutes of the August 2, 2000, be approved as printed in Shortskip. The motion passed.
- 3. Officer & Director Reports
 - a. Treasurer Jim Cardillo-Lee KE6VGV reviewed the account balances. He advised that the HamCall CD was in and the cost would be \$35
 - Officers Secretary Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV invited the members to review the binder of newsletters received from other clubs. Bill pointed out the member badges that need to be picked up. Bill reported on the special event station at the PCAM Air Show. The response was good and it will happen again next year.
 - Directors None.
- 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities Committee Jeff Basham W2JAB -Jeff recapped the schedule of events for the swap meet on the 16th.
 - b. Newsletter Editor Henry Tate KE6ORF Henry was complimented on the latest edition of Shortskip. Bill KH6GJV advised that Henry was taking classes on Wednesday evenings and would not be able to attend. Henry is also looking for someone to take over the editor's job as of the first of the year.
 - Public Service John Mullan KD2L advised that coming events are as follows: 9/17 Clo's Classic from 10 AM until 2 PM; 9/23-24 Waves to wine. John needs a lot of help on this event.
 - d. Repeater Committee Greg Gordon AC6VJ reported that all systems are up and running properly.
- 5. Unfinished Business None

6. New Business

- a. Constitution & Bylaws Amendments The Board of Directors reported that they had conducted a review of the club constitution and bylaws. The Board recommended that changes be made and distributed their proposed changes to the members in attendance. Greg Gordon AC6VJ moved that the proposed changes submitted by the Board of Directors be made to the club constitution and bylaws. The motion was seconded. The proposed changes will be published in Shortskip and voted on at the October membership meeting.
- b. Donation by Santa Rosa Cycling Club Randy Black KE6VMZ, a director of the Santa Rosa Cycling Club, presented a grant from the organization in the amount of \$2,500 to be used to upgrade the club's repeaters. The donation was warmly accepted by the SCRA membership.
- 7. Show & Tell Greg Gordon AC6VJ showed a new 220 MHz HT from Alinco that costs \$179; Brian Torr N6IIY showed how a flashlight could be used to demonstrate directivity of antennas
- 8. Recess The meeting went into recess at 8:20 PM and resumed at 8:40 PM.
- 9. Program Jim Maxwell W6CF, ARRL Pacific Division Director gave his presentation of "What ever happened to Eric Palmer, Jr."

10. Raffle

- a. Regular The 50/50 raffle was won by Vicki Cero KF6ZCT who split \$63 with the club. Vicki donated the winnings back to the club. Cortland Richmond KA5S won the second draw for a copy of 73 magazine.
- b. The membership raffle was lost by KF6HAB.

11. Announcements

- a. Next Program To be announced
- b. Board Meeting next Wednesday at Master's Touch Mortgage, 8979 Conde Lane, Windsor, at 6:30PM.
- 12. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:29

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SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC.

BYLAWS

- The dues for both full Members and sponsoring Associate Members shall be proposed by the Board of Directors at the first Board meeting of each year, subject to the approval of the membership at the February general meeting. Full Members and Associate Members under 18 years of age pay one-half full membership dues.
- The fiscal year shall begin March 1 and end on the last day of February. The dues year shall run
 concurrently with the fiscal year.
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- The regular meeting of this organization shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month except December at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise specified by the Board and unnounced in the SCRA newsletter.
 - Order shall prevail at all meetings. Members having a grievance shall take up the matter with an officer who shall refer the matter to the Board of Directors for their attention and action.
- One tenth of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum at general meetings. Four voting
 Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board.
- 7. Full membership is limited to licensed Amateurs. Sponsoring members may be either licensed or unlicensed.
- The annual elections shall be held at the regular November meeting. The President Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee at the October meeting. Nominations will also be solicited from the floor. These new officers officially assume their duties on January 1. Special elections to fill vacant Board position(s) shall occur at the next regular meeting after the appointment of temporary replacement(s) by the Board. All elections shall be held by secret ballot of fhil Members present for any office for which there is more than one candidate.
- There shall be no proxy voting or absentee ballots.
- 60. Both the property and financial audits shall be presented to the incoming Board prior to its installation at a joint meeting with the old Board at the December Board meeting.
- 11. "Expendable items" are defined as such expenses as telephone charges, repair parts, postage, shipping and handling charges and the like.
- The money amount mentioned in Article X, Section 3 shall be \$500.
- 13. All SCRA activities shall be open to everyone. At major non-findraising functions that charge fees, non-members shall be charged 50% more than club members and their immediate families, at the discretion of the Board.
- Except for fund-raising raffles, non-members are not eligible to win prizes.

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15. A specific activity may be declared for members only by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by the general membership at the next regular meeting following such declaration by the Board.

- 16. The Member of the Year Committee shall be made up of three SCRA members. The Fresident Board of Directors shall appoint the Chairman and one other committee member who together will elect the third member. Only the Chairman's name will be made public, at the October general meeting. The other two members will remain anonymous. The selection of the Member of the Year shall be approved by the Board of Directors in an executive session.
- 17. Only persons who have been a voting member in good standing of SCRA continuously since the beginning of the fiscal year are eligible for Member of the Year. No person may receive the award more than once every three years.
- 18. The Board shall prepare a budget for the coming year at the first Board meeting of the calendar year. The budget shall be published in the next available issue of the SCRA newsletter. Any expenses over the amount allocated in the budget must be approved by the Board.
- -- Revisions of the SCRA Bylaws:

1997 (Bylaw 6 changed from 1/5 to 1/10 membership for quorum)

September 1994 (Changed bylaws 3 and 12)

March 1990 (Modified bylaw 3)

October 1986 (Modified bylaw 8, provision for special elections and temporary replacements)

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SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this non-profit corporation shall be: Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- To promote interest in Amateur Radio, electronics technology, and communications practice.
- to both Amateurs and non-Amateurs interested in radio communications. To assist fellow Amateurs in development of the radio art, and to provide educational opportunities
- To bring before its members such topics and equipment as would improve their knowledge of the state
- To provide public communications services, to lend our full support and cooperation to restoring
- channels of communications in time of disaster, and to offer training in emergency preparedness skills To provide better communication through all phases of Amateur operation including, but not limited
- 6 To support, among all Amateurs, lawful and responsible conduct, as embodied in the ARRL Code of
- No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall attempt to influence legislation, and no candidate for public office. activities shall involve intervention or participation in any political campaign on behalf of any

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- who does not have an indebtedness to the organization. eligible for membership. A Member in Good Standing is a member whose dues are currently paid and Any person interested in Amateur Radio and in agreement with the purpose of this organization is
- \dot{b} <u>committee members and chairmen. white spensoring Associate</u> Members <u>are non-licensees who</u> may There shall be two classes of membership, Member and Associate Member. Full Members shall <u>possess an amateur radio liceuse,</u> have full voting privileges, <u>may hold elected office and serve as</u>

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- The Board of Directors shall have the power to:
- exercise for the Corporation all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to this Corporation and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of this Constitution, the Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation.
- lo la cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs. supervise all officers, agents, and employees of this Corporation and to see that their duties
- c procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on behalf of the Corporation appoint the station license trustees, the Chairmen of the Activities, Public Service and
- determine and establish policies of the corporation. Repeater Committees, repeater Control Operators, and other committee chairmen as needed
- The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President. Secretary and Treasurer.

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Committee; the appointed Chairman of the Activities Committee; the appointed Chairman of the Public The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers, the appointed Chairman of the Repeater

> the previous term. The SCRA newsletter editor, the Activities, Public Service and Repeater Committee Services-Coordinator shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of the Board without vote whose Service Committee, the two elected full <u>Directors</u> members at large and the outgoing President from Board members must be full members in good standing and hold an amateur radio license. <u>жезенсе от absence shall not be considered in determining quorum.</u> All voting officers, <u>directors</u> and <u>Chairmen and either the Sonoma County Communications Director or the Sonoma County Emergency</u>

- The President shall chair the Board:
- standing for a period of not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the beginning of the term of annual elections meeting as specified in the Bylaws. All persons seeking election to an officer or All officers and the two at-large Board members directors shall be elected for one-year terms at the office that they seek. No officer or director shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same director position must be currently a member in good standing and shall have been a member in good
- meetings within the current calendar year without prior written notice to the board shall be consecutive regularly scheduled membership meetings or four regularly scheduled membership board shall be automatically removed from office. regularly scheduled board meetings within the current calendar year without prior written notice to the Any officer or director who misses three consecutive regularly scheduled board meetings or four automatically removed from office Any officer or director who misses three
- 4.6 provided for in the bylaws. The Board shall appoint the Repeater Chairman, the Activities Chairman ınd the Public Service Chairman for the year: The Board may appoint persons to fill vacant positions on the Board until a special election is held as

ARTICLE V - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- The powers and duties of the President shall be:
- To preside at all general meetings.
- To cast the deciding vote in all cases where his vote would affect the result or where the vote
- policy matters, must obtain prior approval of the Board of Directors. To originate correspondence in the name of SCRA. Where such correspondence involves
- Fo-appoint SCRA-station-trustees and committee members and chairmen excepting the Repeater, Activities and Public Service Committees and their subcommittees.
- To enforce the Constitution and Bylaws.
- The powers and duties of the Vice President shall be:
- To preside in the absence of the President.
- Fo-read the Constitution and Dylaws-in-ease of question or debate.
- :P To be act as Parliamentarian in the absence of a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians,
- identified. This inventory shall receive a comprehensive annual review for report to the Board To maintain an inventory of all SCRA property and ensure that said property is properly
- The powers and duties of the Secretary shall be:
- To keep the minutes of Board and general meetings in a record book provided for that purpose
- Incorporation. Shall easure availability of same at all general and Board meetings. To maintain an official, up-to-date copy of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Articles of
- To prepare and maintain official correspondence as required by the office or as directed by
- To keep a current roll of members.

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