

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

12/06/23

via Zoom

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE	President
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV	Vice President
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK	Treasurer
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY	Secretary
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP	At Large
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF	At Large
Don Simon	NI6A	At Large

Board discussion items:

- Forming a training workgroup to coordinate Thursday net exercises
- Nomination Committee, report
- Contacted by Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications (DLARC) about archiving KE newsletters
- Membership renewals
- PO Box relocation?
- Logistics
- Completing new join form transition
- Opt-in public roster follow-up
- Migration of gdrive file ownership
- Follow-up with Fire Dept SOG, communication about SET
- Follow-up with patch box installs
- Onboarding/Elmering volunteer follow-up
- Schedule another POTA activation?
- Plan for future meetings
- Dec: KEARES training checklist (levels 1-2) NI6A, Elections
- Jan: Winter Field Day prep (HF primer?)
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?

Topics discussed:

P.O. Box

- The yearly cost of our post office box at the El Cerrito Fairmount Post Office keeps going up, now \$240/year, the box is inconvenient to access, and the usage is very low but we do need to have a postal mailing address.
- We can rent a P.O. box from Payn's Stationery, Solano Ave., Berkeley for \$100/year but the disadvantage is that we would have to change our address on our website, in our incorporation papers, with the ARRL club affiliation record, and anywhere else it is written.
- We are sponsored by the city of El Cerrito. Would it be a problem to have a mailing address in a different city (Berkeley) and a different county (Alameda)?

Club officer nominations for next year

- Jim KN6VTC has accepted a nomination for treasurer for next year.
- Ednalee KN6VTY is considering accepting a nomination for outreach officer.
- We will ask Annette (outgoing treasurer) and Blake (outgoing outreach officer) to remain on the board as members-at-large.

At the membership meeting we will ask for volunteers for:

- Newsletter editor
- A committee to plan the Thursday net exercises
- A committee to organize FRS/GMRS neighborhood nets without CERT

An idea for a future training subject

- Modify the self assessment checklist/survey we started months ago to emphasize members' interests and what they are interested in learning.

Winter Field Day, Jan. 27/28

- Since time is short, choosing a location soon is a high priority.