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Minutes of the Annual Meeting – January 8, 2022

The 2022 annual meeting was conducted online via Zoom, co-hosted by Dave Koberstein N9DK and Neil Katin, K2LL.

08:30 Zoom link opened with radio and telephone support provided so members could check that they could use all the zoom features needed for the meeting.

09:05 Meeting called to order by Grant Elliot, KK6FMQ, President, on Saturday, January 8, 2022. There were 52 attendees.

Note: The Treasurer’s Report by Neil Katin, K2LL, is included as Appendix “A” in this document.

Welcome, Preliminary Business and Introductions:

Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized City ECs:

- Stanford – Lea Roberts, WA6ITV
- Palo Alto – Jack Pines, W1VSL
- Los Altos – Jim Clark, N6JRC
- Los Altos Hills – Neil Katin, K2LL
- Mountain View – Leslie Grimm, KK6EKN

Attending SPECS Board Members:

Yes	Grant Elliot	President	KK6FMQ
No	Open	1st VP	
Yes	Dave Koberstein	2nd VP	N9DK
Yes	Neil Katin	Treasurer	K2LL
Yes	Leslie Grimm	Secretary	KK6EKN
Yes	Rick Van Mell	Training	KI6PUR
Yes	Marc Roddin	Past President	KI6HLH
Yes	Scott Overstreet	RA Liaison	N6NXI



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Table with 4 columns: Response, Name, Position, Call Sign. Rows include Jerry Thalls (Director-At-Large, Sunnyvale, KG6HI), Steve Olsen (Director-At-Large, Los Altos, KI6MYE), and Lea Roberts (Director-At-Large, Stanford, WA6ITV).

Election of Officers:

Grant led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2022 from the nomination committee is:

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, Call Sign. Rows include President (Grant Elliot, KK6FMQ), 1st VP (Dave Koberstein, N9DK), 2nd VP (Stiv Ostenberg, K9STV), Secretary (Leslie Grimm, KK6EKN), Treasurer (Jim Weatherford, WU6K), Training Officer (Rick Van Mell, KI6PUR), Director-At-Large, Los Altos (Steve Olsen, KI6MYE), Director-At-Large, Stanford (Lea Roberts, WA6ITV), and Director-At-Large, Sunnyvale (OPEN).

There were no nominations from the floor. Paul Goldstein, KJ6AMM, moved to accept the nomination slate and Marc Roddin, KI6HLH seconded the motion. President Grant asked if there were any objections to electing the slate. As there were no objections, the slate was elected.



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Featured Speaker

Peter Griffith, WA6VAQ

The History and Making of the SPECS Repeaters

Peter presented slides and a short video chronicling the origin of the SPECS group and the W6ASH repeaters. The presentation slides are available at:

<https://www.specsnet.org/past-presentations>

Break 10:10 to 10:20

SPECS UG Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the 2021 meeting had been posted on the website and available to members for review for the past year. Rick, KI6PUR moved to accept the minutes and Neil, K2LL seconded the motion. There were no objections. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Neil, K2LL, presented a summary of finances for the year. There was little change from the previous year and no income from the flea market, which had been canceled due to the pandemic. As of January 6 there are 63 paid members and that includes 14 first-time members. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Paul, KJ6AMM and seconded by Patrick, KG6TMI. There were no objections so the motion passed unanimously. See the appendix for more details.

220/UHF Nets report: Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI, noted that the net roster is updated roughly every month, adding new members and removing names for members that



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haven't checked in for the past 4 months. Participation has been very good – an average of 54, with a high of 65 and a low of 41.

Training Report: Training Officer Rick Van Mell, KI6PUR, reported that we continue to support county trainings, exercises and drills by announcing the opportunities.

Repeater Status: Dave Platt, AE6EO, presented an update on the W6ASH Repeaters. The intermittent interference problem with the 2 meter band remains unresolved, despite valiant attempts to find the cause. A second 2 meter repeater was set up in another location for the time being and has performed well, even staying on air during a power failure. Installation of the repeaters at the new Sobrato Pavilion is still on hold, due to delays in installation of other equipment that needs to be in place first. The repeaters will move to the new location when conditions permit. The User Group will call for assistance when the time comes to move.

Meeting Close

Grant closed the meeting at 10:37 am.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Grimm, Secretary

APPENDIX

SPECS User Group Treasurer's Report

For calendar year 2020; presented at 2021-01-09 membership meeting. Data was current as of 2021-01-03.



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CY2021 was a very quiet year for the organization. There were no flea market expenses or income, which are typically our largest financial items.

We had a total net loss of \$145. The income from membership dues was approximately equal to the expenses we had (insurance, web site, PO Box, annual meeting).

We switched from Paypal to Square for payment of dues due to the simpler checkout process and lower fees.

For 2020 we had 120 paid members; we currently have 64 members who have paid their 2021 dues, 10 of whom were not 2020 members. In addition to our dues, we had a \$200 cash donation.

Our ending cash balance for the year was \$37,260.54. We have 63 members who have paid for 2022, and 65 people who have not renewed (yet). We have 14 new members in 2022.



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