

2019 SPECS Annual Meeting Minutes

Marc Roddin, KI6HLH, called the meeting to order near the appointed time, 0900. He introduced himself and stated that he would be termed out after this meeting. He then called on the various EC s in the room to introduce themselves and their ARES team members who were present.

Following this, Marc introduced Grant Elliot, KK6FMQ, as the current secretary and nominated incoming president. Grant first discussed the fact that the minutes were not on the website so the vote to approve them was delayed. Grant then discussed the Articles of Incorporation and asked for and got a motion to approve, held a vote for approval and they were approved. He then discussed the Bylaws and asked for and got a motion to approve, and held a vote and they were also approved. These votes were unanimous.

We then held the elections for the officers. The entire slate was approved and there were no new nominations from the floor, so I will just list the new officers below:

President.....	Grant Elliot, KK6FMQ
First Vice President.....	Neil Katin, K2LL
Second Vice President.....	Dave Koberstein, N9DK
Treasurer.....	Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI
Secretary.....	Jack Pines, W1VSL
Training Officer.....	Paul Goldstein, KJ6AMM
Member-at-Large.....	Mark Foster, KI6DHU
Member-at-Large.....	Jerry Thalls, KG6HI
Webmaster.....	Leslie Grimm, KK6EKN

The following were not elected but appointed or emeritus:

Ex President.....	Marc Roddin, KI6HLH
SPECS Repeater Association Liason.....	Scott Overstreet, N6NXI

Phil Henderson introduced Rob Fenn who spoke on parachute mobile. Ham radio operators Mark Meltzer, AF6IM, and Michael Gregg, KF6WRW, were chatting on a repeater in 2008 and learned that they shared skydiving as a second hobby. They talked further about combining the two hobbies and the Parachute Mobile Project was born. They have now had 33 missions and have put a lot of effort into getting live video from the jumper. It was described as a “labor of love.” See the article in QST from May of 2015 for more.

Marc Roddin introduced Rachel Kinoshita, who's talk was entitled “Operating Off the Grid.” She spoke about the various kinds of solar arrays, inverters and specifically how the Menlo Park emergency trailer was configured to work on solar power. Her slides can be seen on the specsnet.org website.

After the talks, Grant Elliot held the business meeting where Scott Overstreet spoke about the repeaters and said that they were no closer to figuring out the interference problem on the 2 meter repeater but there is some hope that after the move the problem may go away. They also ping the hospital on the move about every month. Next the treasury was reported to be up ~\$1700 and Grant asked for a motion to approve and it was motioned and seconded and after that treasurer's report was approved unanimously. At the conclusion of the business meeting the SPECS annual meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Jack Pines, W1VSL