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Minutes of the Annual Meeting – January 9, 2021

The 2021 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 9, 2021. There were 50 plus 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 acknowledged County Officials present: Jim Oberhofer KN6PE – Packet Committee Chair, Jim Clark N6JRC, - ADEC, Database Administrator, and Thomas Leibold K6FPP, Network Infrastructure.

Community ECs were recognized:

- 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
- Sunnyvale – Jerry Thalls, KG6HI

Attending SPECS Board Members:

Yes	Grant Elliot	President	KK6FMQ
No	Open	1st VP	
Yes	Dave Koberstein	2nd VP	N9DK



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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
Yes	Jerry Thalls	Director-At-Large, Sunnyvale	KG6HI
Yes	Steve Olsen	Director-At-Large, Los Altos	KI6MYE
Yes	Lea Roberts	Director-At-Large, Stanford	WA6ITV

Election of Officers:

Grant led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2021 from the nomination committee is:

President:	Grant Elliot	KK6FMQ
1st VP:	OPEN	
2nd VP:	Dave Koberstein	N9DK
Secretary:	Leslie Grimm	KK6EKN
Treasurer:	Neil Katin	K2LL
Training Officer:	Rick Van Mell	KI6PUR

There were no nominations from the floor. Marc Roddin, KI6HLH, moved to accept the nomination slate and Eduardo Arias, KM6LSX seconded the motion.

For each office, president Grant asked if there were any objections to the nominee. There were no objections so all nominees were accepted by acclaim.



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Featured Speaker

Michelle Thompson, W5NYV

CEO Open Research Institute

Topic: Amateur Radio Satellite

Michelle Thompson, W5NYV spoke about advances in the amateur radio satellite community. "Open Source", a term associated with Linux and many other non-commercial software ventures, is an important heritage for Amateur Radio. The term, generally applied, means sharing the designs and source of technological developments of both software and hardware.

Michelle talked about how Open Source has finally managed to be embedded deeply into the amateur and commercial satellite communities (even NASA contributes open source), thereby accelerating and enhancing the capabilities the amateur community can launch into space and reuse on the ground.

The presentation slides are available at <https://www.specsnet.org/past-presentations>

Break 10:14 to 10:24

SPECS UG Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the 2020 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 Paul, AJ6AMM seconded the motion. There were no objections. The minutes were accepted unanimously.



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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. See the appendix for more details. An update to the appendix: As of January 9 there are 105 paid members and that includes 15 first-time members. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Rick, KI6PUR and seconded by Patrick, KG6TMI. There were no objections so the motion passed unanimously.

220/UHF Nets report: Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI, noted that the net roster is updated roughly every 3 to 4 months, adding new members and removing names for members that haven't checked in for the past 4 months. Participation has been very good – an average of 56, with a high of 66 and a low of 44.

Training Report: Training Officer Rick Van Mell, KI6PUR, reported that we continue to support county trainings, exercises and drills. He noted that SVECS, serving cities further south, had to cancel their quarterly breakfast meetings with speakers due to the pandemic, but he will be notifying our members when they resume.

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. Three new commercial-grade antennas have been purchased and will be installed at the new location. The repeater committee met with contractors and hospital officials last September at the installation site on the roof of the new Sobrato Pavilion. The repeaters will move to the new location when conditions permit. This isn't likely to happen before June.



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Meeting Close

Grant closed the meeting at 10:49 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.

CY2020 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 income of \$31.89. The income from membership dues was approximately equal to the expenses we had (insurance, web site, PO Box, annual meeting).

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 37,405.76. We had four members who paid more than once; I'm attempting to determine if they want a refund or some other fix.



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