

Radio Society Of Tucson  
Board Of Directors Meeting  
Minutes 05 January 2021

Club Officers

President Joe Statkevicius - present and conducting.

Vice-President Max Presnell - present - resigning effective 12 January 2021.

Secretary - Office vacant

Treasurer - Office vacant

Board Of Directors

Brenda Holman - present

Owen Watson - present

Bruce Betterley - absent

Marcia Burcham - present

David Holman - present

Also Present

Gary Keck - Recent Past President

Richard Jones - ZOOM Session Host

Richard Schmidt - acting as Scribe

Don Ernle

Barry Enders

Stan Ross

Steve Lane

Jeff Harman

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM MST. President Joe declares a quorum is present.

December treasurer's report accepted upon motion, second, and vote.

New members listed on master roster managed by VP Max.

Club has a Facebook page - discussed. Must be a member of Facebook to post and read.

Silent key announced - Don Cox

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OLD BUSINESS

(1) Life Membership Committee Report: In November 2020 an RST membership sub-committee met to discuss status of RST life memberships. RST has two types of life memberships, and honorary life membership and a “paid-for” life membership.

The questions before this committee were, 1) determine a standard for bestowing an honorary life membership, and 2) determine a cost for the paid-for life membership.

The Life Membership Sub-committee could not come to a conclusion concerning how to rate either type of life membership. Within the board meeting, a very lengthy discussion followed including various ways to manage both classes of life memberships. Elimination of both discussed. Recommendation was made to amend RST’s constitution and potentially eliminate the “life membership” category.

Decision: President Joe will draft a proposed amendment to club constitution and present it to RST board for further discussion at the March meeting on 09 March 2021.

(2) Regular Memberships: The RST annual membership fee is based on calendar year. Non-members passing any class of license exam administered by Laurel Group receive a gratuitous six month club membership upon joining the club. This is not now administered on the calendar basis and is difficult for the treasurer to administer.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted by unanimous consent of board. Keep the existing fee structure as posted on the RST website. The six-month gratuitous membership is eliminated. Any non-member passing a Laurel Group license examination will, upon joining the Club, receive free Club membership beginning on the date the exam was passed and continue in full force and effect until the end of the then existing calendar year.

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NEW BUSINESS

The current written contract between the Radio Society of Tucson and Henry K. Zappia, an individual, was discussed. The contract includes an Equipment Loan Agreement and a monthly fee agreement for electricity. The opinion of board is that the monthly fee charged for electricity is excessive. A copy of the contract is attached to these minutes. The club's payment is now 32 months in arrears.

Discussion. Board Member Owen Watson will personally contact Henry and obtain a bill for the balance due on the electricity and request a renegotiation of the contract. If renegotiation is refused or fails, the RST board will revisit the matter and consider moving the club equipment to a new location and terminate the contract pursuant to the termination provision in the contract.

A special election will be held during the 12 January 2021 regular membership meeting. The purpose of the election is to elect a new Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. At the beginning of this board meeting there were two announced candidates, Richard Jones, W0PZD, for Vice-President and Richard Schmidt, K7NSW for Secretary. During this meeting Don Ernle was nominated for the office of Club Treasurer. Don accepted the nomination. President Joe will send a notice to all club members further announcing the special election and soliciting additional nominations. Votes will be counted for those present and voting via ZOOM as well as those physically present at the general meeting. If there is only one candidate per open office President Joe will propose election of those single candidates by unanimous consent of the voting members as provided for in the club constitution. For any contested club office, a formal election will be immediately held.

The program topic for the January meeting will be 3-D printing.

A motion was made and seconded to close meeting. The meeting agenda is attached to these minutes. The meeting was closed at 9:53 PM.