

Minutes: MCARCS General Meeting-11 December 2023  
Steve, KD6DQO - Secretary

### MCARCS Business Meeting Minutes -

Meeting starts at 6:00 PM by President Derek-KE6EBZ via Zoom. Officers attending are: Derek-KE6EBZ, Tim-WB9NJS, John-W6FQX, Dan-W6AAM, John-W6FQX, Steve-KJ6EIF, Peter-KN6UAW, Nick-KI6RIT, Steve-KD6DQO. Absent: None. Thanks to the many members and guests who attended the meeting.

- A. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tim, WB9NJS gave the treasurer's report. MCARCS has a balance of \$826.12.
- B. Minutes: Minutes from the 11 November 2023 meeting was posted to MCARCS website.
- C. Webmaster Report: Nick-KI6RIT No New Business

### NEWS, EVENTS AND PROPOSALS:

1. Progress on MCARCS Fundraiser Steve-KD6DQO: No update at this time
2. Progress on CHIRP RADIO PROGRAMMING Project: Steve-KD6DQO stated that the most significant work to build an easy to use downloadable file convention used by CHIRP to easily program radios was mostly completed. Steve mentioned that minor additional testing is needed before the project is completed and handed off to the webmaster to post on the MCARCS website. When finished, users can easily download a supported CSV file using CHIRP to quickly program most hand-held and portable radios. This initial release will focus only on the most common simplex and repeater 2m & UHF frequencies along with similar public service (fire and police) frequencies within Mendocino and Lake Counties. Steve stated that this information was an additive to that basic information already disseminated by public services personnel and ham leaders. It just makes downloading info into the radio a much easier process than manually programming a radio and the CHIRP process simplifies that process for many types and brands of radios. Some asked if this file would replace prior laminated cards and "cheat sheets" of well used ham and emergency frequencies. Steve restated that this new file will be an additive to prior "cheat sheets" handed out and used for many years within the community. Steve will hand off the finished project to Derek to post on the MCARCS website within a few weeks.
3. Election Revisited: Derek, KE6BRZ, MCARCS President discussed the election process from last November meeting and recognized the vote, that was advanced to the November meeting, may have taken some

by surprise as it was slated to take place at the December. In order to smooth over potential discord and to correct the record, Derek reviewed the process and polled others to assure their interest in representing MCARCS was not diminished. Derek asked attendees to restate their interest, if any, in a leadership position within MCARCS. No new statements were made, members were satisfied with election results and the election results from the November meeting were restated. All positions except for Secretary remain the same. Secretary Steve announced at the November meeting that he would not seek nor accept the nomination for secretary for the following year. Elected Officers for 2024 calendar year are as follows:

- a. President: Derek-KE6BRZ
  - b. Vice Pres: Steve T-KJ6EIF
  - c. Treasurer: Tim-WB9NJS
  - d. Secretary: Peter-KN6UAW
  - e. Webmaster: Nick-KI6RIT
4. ZOOM Calendar: Mike-KC6MGM, Nick-KI6RIT and Dan-W6AAM discussed the use of user scripts and a joint calendar illustrating the shared use of the multi-user ZOOM website service. At the last meeting, the three user groups, WARS, MCARCS and MACS agreed to share expenses associated with the annual charges for a Zoom membership. The calendar would allow all groups to post their intended use dates and verify availability of the resource on a first come, first served basis except for regular scheduled monthly calls. Scripts need development to inform all users of the operation of ZOOM, meeting etiquette, and shared system features. Discussion included the use of a Google calendar, simple log sheets and scripts emailed centrally or other shared calendars to disseminate this information. Nick and Mike will continue to explore options.
  5. WARS: Rick-KK6PZA stated the WARS annual election of Officers will take place on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 PM. The election is via ZOOM. For more info, visit WARS website, W6MMM.club or email w6mmm.club@gmail.com
  6. Training: Tim-WB9NJS stated new ham test training for the test given on December 16 in Lake County Office of Education. Those wishing to take the test need to contact Tim by Wednesday Dec 13 to register. Test for all classes of licenses will be available. Tim-WB9NJS and Nick-KI6RIT will serve as VE's and Dan-W6AAM is available if needed.

No further business is discussed or raised.

Meeting Adjourn: 6:41 PM PDT. Next meeting via Zoom is: 9 January 2024 at 6PM. Zoom information will be delivered by President Derek via email prior to the meeting.

Steve, KD6DQO, Secretary-MCARCS Thank You!

