

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

## MCARCS Business Meeting Minutes -

Meeting starts at 6:00 PM via Zoom by President Derek Hoyle, KE6EBZ. Other officers attending: Steve, KJ6EIF; Tim, WB9NJS; John, W6FQX; Dan, W6AAM; Steve, KD6DQO. Absent was Nick, KI6RIT. 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 14 August 2023 meeting was not posted to MCARCS website. Secretary was absent
- C. Webmaster Report: Webmaster not available

## NEWS, EVENTS AND PROPOSALS:

1. Shakeout: Mike, K6MGM n/a. Tim, WB9NJS provide details about the exercise. Takes place on Thursday 19 October 2023 from approx. 10 am to 11:15 am. Focus is primarily on Health Care segment and coordination with Mendocino OES and various county health care facilities. Steve, KJ6EIF will be Net Control operating from the county EOS facility. Mike is the MACS representative and will conduct communication/coordination with Humboldt County. This critical exercise needs volunteers. Please contact Tim, WB9NJS at [tdhanna@msn.com](mailto:tdhanna@msn.com)
2. WARS Update: Rick, KK6PZA provided information about a Pot Luck event sponsored by WARS for the Ham Coastal Community Gathering on 30 September from @ 10am to 3:00 pm. This will be a fun event with food, HAM talk, Coms and more. Contact Rick or the WARS website for details and location if interested.
3. Proposals from July 2023 Meeting: Steve, KD6DQO tabled discussion until next meeting due to family emergency and health concerns.
4. HAMFEST: Various speakers listed Hamfest swap meets at the following locations:
  - a. Lincoln: 16 September: Times not provided so consult your favorite browser to learn more.
  - b. Burbank Center Santa Rosa: 23 September. Pancake breakfast at 7:00 am with swap meet at 8:00am to 12 noon. Big event.
  - c. East Oregon: Tim, WB9HJS listed this Bend, OR meet held on Saturday, 30 September.
5. Emergency Preparedness: John, W6FQX inquired about our ability for disaster preparedness in light of the recent Maui, HI extraordinary fire that leveled Lahaina. The team entered in a good discussion focusing on how we in MCARCS will be able to handle such extreme events within Mendocino County. John asked the team if we had adequate

radios, both HF and VHF/UHF, Go Bags, portable antennas, power supplies, cables, packet controllers, connectors and other gear to really meet the demands of HAM communications within the County to meet the demands of various emergencies. He asked, "How do we respond to this situation". A lively discussion followed from Steve, KJ6EIF, Peter, KN6UAW, John, W6FQX, Dan, WA6AAM, Derek, KE6EBZ and Tim, WB9NJS. It focused on X-band functionality, battery life, power, and all the components mentioned above. The team resolved to continue this discussion and establish guidelines to assure the MCARCS teams can adequately respond to disasters anywhere in the county. In association with this topic, Mike, K6MGM who is the MACS coordinator our county EMS distributed emails to all listed HAMS in the county to assess their coms ability using base and mobile stations during emergencies. His email included the Mendocino County Auxiliary Communications Service Survey Form. This form is critical to the success in determining who, what, how our ham community is able to respond during disasters. It is a great starting point for our county wide emergency preparedness. If you can volunteer and did not receive the MACS form, contact Mike at: [mgmcarter@outlook.com](mailto:mgmcarter@outlook.com). This is a critical step in our county's ability to respond to disasters.

6. HAM Radio License Training Agenda: Tim, WB9NJS, discussed the forthcoming Ham General license class training. These sessions will be delivered via ZOOM starting on Tuesday, 3 October, 2023. Due to health concerns, Tim won't be an active trainer but Steve, KJ6EIF, Dan, WA6AAM and others volunteered to conduct the training. Steve will send emails to the HAM community to register participants in this session which will include General license class training. Zoom presentations on the 10 subject areas of the FCC General Class Amateur Radio license test will begin October 3 at 1800 hrs. (6:00 PM), and continue each Tuesday evening in October. Contact Steve, KJ6EIF at [stkj6eif@gmail.com](mailto:stkj6eif@gmail.com) to register.

Meeting Adjourn: President Derek announced the next MCARCS meeting on 9 October 2023 at 6:00 PM PDT. He closed the meeting at 6:00 PM PDT

Steve, KD6DQO, Secretary-MCARCS