

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, September 2nd, 2010 ~ 1730

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Tim Hanna, Marcella Chandler, John Lemmer, Alan Spivak, John Ragland, Jim Cline, Nick Wharff, Steve Turner, Carl Sassenrath

Upcoming events

- North Coast Striders/South Ukiah Rotary Club Triathlon – September 12th
 - No direct request for support, short notice (notification was this week).
 - **Present McARCS members have decided to not participate.**
- Boonville Fair Parade – September 19th – WB9NJS
 - ~4 hams needed, adequate number of volunteers so far.
 - Suzy Miller coordinating with parade organizers.
 - No volunteers from Anderson Valley yet, will solicit for participation.
- Harvest Ride – October 3rd – W6JRC
 - Liz at Boys and Girls club received McARCS communications support agreement.
 - Nick created online course maps for all 4 rides, emailed links on September 1st.
 - Jim will send a list of questions to the B&G Club to get answered/clarified, regarding amount of volunteers and their scope of responsibilities, planning changes from last year, etc.
- Shakeout – October 21st – W6FQX
 - Mercalli scale – Rates damage from 1 (minor/none) to 12 (severe damage/ground deformity)
 - John suggested giving damage reports that correlate with the Mercalli scale for simplicity.

Old Business

- On-the-air Morse code practice – WB9NJS
 - Tim will check with interested hams to see how many of them have HF setups.
- Liability Insurance requirements – what do we need? - KI6MJC
 - Need minimum \$320 to start coverage, through ARRL.
 - Club needs to be affiliated with ARRL to be eligible.
 - \$1 million per event cap, \$2 million per year.
 - Equipment coverage available for the group or per member, \$1.50 per \$100 worth of equipment.
 - Covers all damage caused by members.
- Criteria for providing support communications for events – accepted
- Communications support agreement – accepted, published
- Shared documents/calendar – Google docs
- Disposition of donations received, bank account status
- Membership Criteria – who is a member?
- Rotation of officers
- Membership Communications

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- Continuing update of website information

New Business

- Programs for future meetings/events
 - APRS program offered by Cody, K6MEU
- 2010 Holiday Dinner
 - Check with Len WA6KLK, to see if there will be a WARS dinner this year.
- Plans for 2011 class
 - LCARS checking interest for a test session in Lakeport, possibly next year.
 - Dale from SCRA to administer the test, minimum 11 test-takers requested.
 - Maybe do a new ham/elmer class before next test?
- Mendo Radio technical group - <http://mendoradio.wordpress.com/>
 - Posts by many local hams about digital modes, HF, coax, antennas, etc.

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