

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Present: W6FQX, WA6JBK, W6JRC, KI6ISO, KI6RIT, KJ6IPB, KI6MJC, WB9NJS

Visitor regarding Mendocino Rally, KG6JSL -- KI6MJC

Pat KG6JSL, Darryl, KI6MSP

Pat talked on Mendo Rally; used to have rallies in the 70s & 80s; prior organizer (Jim Robinson) used to organize thought is would be great to get this going again – approached Sonoma County club. As a matter of courtesy and respect, they wanted to come up and meet McARCS and introduce themselves; make sure they weren't stepping on toes and such. They know it does not fit our criteria but they wanted to touch base nonetheless.

Gave a base gist of how the event will run, course, assignments, times, etc. Will run the course a few mores times prior to; MJC to accompany.

Nick / Alan will advertise event on Lake County nets.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report -- KI6RIT

Place line item spending on website. (MJC gave RIT this month's statement.)

FLDIGI Net Report – W6FQX

Most of the FLDigi issues are little bugs. Does not think we are ready for prime time. Need more participants and need more bugs fixed. Messages do not always 'go.'

Several suggestions to get this going: hands on group meeting show & tell, on the air, tele-connect to other sites, etc. Perhaps we can do this during an event, or on a typical Net night.

Status of EOC station – W6JRC

Jim wants to meet with the Capt. of this building – was told we cannot have access to the roof to install an antenna. John is not happy with the current configuration of the room, but it is what we have and we got what we got – will have to do, and IS workable. Jim wants the Capt. or Sheriff's permission to have a work party and just get this done.

Old Business

McARCS Vests – how many left and who still needs them

14 left. Started a spreadsheet to track; will get data to John instead. Regular participants only, anyone lent a vest not a regular participant to return upon finish of event.

McARCS banner - W6JRC

JRC. Boys & Girls Club used DBI (possibly for free, with their logo on same). Tami and others have not been in touch to follow through.

PO Box or what for mailing address?

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Drop it for now... MJC to pass off statements to current treasurer. Nick will scan and destroy original. Recap of transactions to be on website anyway for official record.

Membership, ID Cards and/or Badges

Participation required -- county wide net or local net

Training required -- Yes or No

ARRL Emergency Communications

Radiogram preparation and transmission

ICS 100, 300, etc.

Background check –

MCSO – who pays

Red Cross

CCW

NCO Insurance

DOJ background check required (County will pay)

Licensed HAM operator

We were going to form a subcommittee on this and we did not get together...

Discussion on what criteria would McARCS require to submit participant for official Sheriff's issued badge. John feels it is absolutely necessary that person be participatory. Tim – looking for a pool of County people who at least participate in some Net and participate in some event.

Marcella suggested a basic kit be issued to badge holders: phonetic alphabet, clip board, blank ICS forms and instructions, etc.

Jim – Sheriff Barney wants badge holders to be ICS 700, etc. certified. Wants them to be familiar with MINS, vernacular, etc. Maybe it can be an either / or... ICS training or CERT certificate.

If any HMA chooses to not provide proof of any criteria, then they choose to not get badged.

Jim – spreadsheet submitted to Sheriff with check-list of meeting our criteria, and see if they will accept it, or what else we need.

New Business

Health Center Drill Exercise – WB9NJS

NJS – needs a few more in Willits, and south coast, Anderson Valley (David stepped up), both Little Lake and Hillside have 2 licensed HAMs at each place – may need coaches. Would like some traffic over to Lake County as Karen has agreed to participate.

12 locations involved, each with at least 2 message receive/transmit: status report, provide info.

Facilities may receive another TX, which may or may not require a response.

Field Day where -- consider pluses and minuses of sites
 who will participate
 who will arrange for facility
 food arrangements

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Will be @ MCOE. Pot luck is likely the best idea for food. BBQ available? George's trailer available? Was done under the WARS club call, but we don't want to do that this year. Too late to get a club call now? Need a trustee and we have everything else needed to apply for a club license; John will look into, but will not be done for Field Day.

<u>Upcoming Events and Exercises</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
The Human Race	May 7	KI6RIT
Public Health Facilities	May 19	WB9NJS
Mendocino Monster	June 12	KI6MJC
Field Day	June 25 & 26	
Mendocino Rally	August 6	KI6MJC
Harvest Ride	September 4	KI6MJC
Boonville Fair Parade	September 18	
Shakeout 2011	October 22	W6FQX

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