

# McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, Nov 03, 2011 ~ 1730

Minutes

## **Introductions and Announcements**

Present: KI6MJC, KI6RIT, W6JRC, W6FQX, KI6ISO, KJ6EIF, WA6JBK, WB9NJS, Carrie

## Reports:

Shakeout 2011 – W6FQX

Got lots of reports, and a few complaints regarding how the drills are organized. CHA would like to see the nets be more informal or spontaneous, in that way they would more closely follow real life as it would occur without planning. Admittedly our planned drills have a fairly predictable script.

The bike events DO give us the ability to practice spontaneous dialog in that we do not know what traffic will be passed. The first Monster in fact did include several emergencies.

Tim – realistically, the use of the modified Mercalli scale might be a bit much – might be better to briefly describe the type and intensity of damage

When a push comes to shove, it could be that if we presented self-made IDs in a real emergency, law enforcement may NOT honor IDs.

Steve – in GO BOX, keep copies of licenses, certificates or training, etc. on hand to submit to the person(s) in charge in the event

John will make up the list of HAMs and qualifications

DSW form – carry and have signed off and sue as interim ID. **use**

## Old Business

**Membership list and ID Application** – response from OES coordinator – W6JRC

Per Jim, Shannon said to not expect anything from the County at this point. NCO is working on a call-out system to include McARCS. OES might be relocated out of Sheriff Dept. – unknown as of now, but Sha

**WHAT is meant by the last word?**

Active: practiced and sworn, license

InActive:

Can we generate a list of active HAMs, level of participation, level of experience, etc. **See above**

**Classes and test session** -- Pick a Date, Advertise, VE available

Dale said pick a date

Wants a minimum of 10 students

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March 24<sup>th</sup> / Marcella will run the date past the museum (venue), John will run it past Dale and the Covelo group and the no-shows from the last class, Jim will announce to SAR

Jim – would like to schedule a class “what to do next” as soon as possible after the class.

## Holiday Dinner, Friday December 16 -- WB9NJS

\$25 gift certificates from HRO – one from each club

already have about 12 people on the list

needs to get email out ASAP

Tim will request confirmation as it gets closer to the event

Broiler wants confirmation of # about a week prior

0800 Happy Hour, dinner to follow, choice of entre', \$25 each

not to exceed \$75 total from each club – all in favor of...

## Digi Net – Changed to Monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) or back to Tuesdays

Monthly was a disaster as many forgot what to do. Decided to go back weekly, but participation is low; Tues. @ 7:30.

Is there enough interest – is it worth continuing this for the few who participate? Tim says yes? John has a write-up on how to (web is not accurate). **Actually the web write-up is incomplete**

This process does evolve with time, and this is a good thing to keep up with. There should be some program fixes soon.

Practice is necessary. Monthly may not be sufficient, but once we get straightened out maybe monthly is adequate. Weekly.

## Access to Sheriff's training facility/EOC – W6JRC

We have the room signed out for all of 2012. Once topic Jim talked to Shannon about was meeting with the facility manager as some changes need to be made (access to breaker room for instance). Jim has all the keys for access (SAR).

## New Business

Election of Officers for 2012 – Print attached Ballot and bring to meeting, fill in if you like.

Do we have a meeting on December 1? **What was decided? I think yes – am I correct?**

January meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. W6FQX will not be present.

Change in County Wide Net Format ? **No but net control station can ad lib**

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<u>Upcoming Events and Exercises</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Tsunami	March 22	
School Districts	March 22	
Health System	late Apr or early May	
Human Race	05/05/12	
Mendocino Monster	06/03/12 or 06/10/12	
Harvest Ride	09/02/12	Subject to change?
Mendo Rally	08/04/12	Not McARCS coordinated
Tour of California	05/13/12	Not a McARCS event
Field Day	06/23/12	
Shakeout	10/18/12	

Discussion over the flavor of the meetings; social, activities, food, public venue, etc. General consensus was that changing things up might get us more participation and interest.

Jim to get Tammi to print a certificate of insurance – to give to Steve for MCOE purposes.

Make a list of things you would like to present or be presented. Alan, test HTs, APRS, foxhunt, etc.

## BALLOT

ENTER YOUR OWN CALL SIGN OR THAT OF ANY OTHER THAT YOU WANT FOR THE OFFICE

PRESIDENT	Steve EIF
VICE-PRESIDENT	Jim JRC
SECRETARY	Marcella MJC
TREASURER	Nick RIT
WEB MASTER	Nick RIT
NET COORD.	Marcella MJC
PUBLIC INFO	Tim NJS
MEMBERSHIP	Dave ISO
TRUSTEE	John FQX

Unanimous ayes for all officers.

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