

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, August 1st, 2013 ~ 1800

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Jim W6JRC, John W6FQX, Steve KJ6EIF, Nick KI6RIT, Tim WB9NJS, Alan WA6JBK

Treasurer's report

- \$250 donation from the Rotary Club for Mendo Monster participation
- \$35 check made out to Sharon Hanna for Field Day food reimbursement
- Pending \$400 donation from the Bite Hard organizers
- Currently \$693.13 in the account, just under \$1100 once the BH donation is factored in
- Suggestions for using the McARCS account surplus:
 - Reimbursement for mileage during McARCS-sanctioned events – 25 cents/mile?
 - Donation to Greg Glavich and George Burton for repeaters
 - More safety vests
 - Reimbursement for food purchased for McARCS meetings
 - Science Fair award for an electronics/electrical or radio-related project - \$50-75
 - Dual-band antenna at EOC
 - Small cache of antennas to deploy as needed during events
- **A motion has been made and seconded to make the dual-band EOC antenna first priority**

Event recap

- Mendo Monster
 - Very smooth event, no major problems, few people needing SAG support.
- Field Day
 - Tim used the Yaesu radio from the EOC, definite learning curve.
 - Hands-on usage/training suggested during a random QSO party weekend. Jim suggested adding in a mobile radio install/repair session
- Bite Hard
 - Some bumps, need more water stops (especially with the hot weather), issues with radios in support vehicles with no ham present. Follow up w/Marcella on this.

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Upcoming events

- Harvest Ride
 - Possibly not enough rest stops, radio not needed at Barra rest stop
 - Rest stop staff mainly use cell phones to communicate needs, just use hams for SAG communications

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