

# McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ~ 1800  
Minutes

## Introductions and Announcements

Present: Tim WB9NJS, Marcella KI6MJC, Nick KI6RIT, Jim W6JRC, John W6FQX

## Reports

- Treasurer
  - Nothing new
- Website
  - Nothing new

## Items of Discussion

- CESN Net
  - Nick still checking in nearly every week, signal reports are varied – some good, some bad, some needing a relay
  - Haven't checked radio output power yet
- McARCS Officer Elections
  - Postponing by at least a month due to lack of present membership

## Events

- Shakeout
  - Countywide net was chaotic, lots of individual check-ins doubling on top of each other
  - Net control needed to clarify community checkins only at first, countywide net roll call would have worked well
- McARCS/WARS Holiday Dinner
  - December 6<sup>th</sup>, happy hour at 6 PM, dinner at 7
  - \$30 per person, \$10-15 unwrapped gift for raffle appreciated but not required
  - Mass email going out, will post on website as well

## Programs

- EOC radio training/testing
  - Nick and Jim provided a quick overview of the two radios in the SAR office
  - Radio output power and microphone gain on the HF radio were tested, gain seemed to be low
  - Raised mic gain all the way up, output power went up without apparent audio clipping/ALC triggering
  - John suggested getting a serial interface cable/adaptor so the radio can be connected to the computer and controlled/configured via Ham Radio Deluxe

**The next meetings are scheduled as follows**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

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