

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, February 6th, 2014 ~ 1800

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

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

Reports

- Website
 - Updated radiogram forms and expanded digi net guide.
 - Updated net schedule.
- Treasury
 - No formal report to give at the time of the meeting.
 - One check has been written in the last month, \$95 for reimbursement for the holiday dinner.
- CESN Net
 - Nick hasn't checked in for a couple of weeks due to poor band conditions.
 - Last check in attempt resulted in no received stations during the net. One station from San Diego came in during the "after-net".

Items of Discussion

- Change of meeting time
 - Steve and Nick don't mind what Thursday the meeting is on.
 - Alan and Dirk can't do the first Thursday, Dirk can't do the third Thursday either.
 - Jim checked about the Donovan Room availability, no response yet but it should be ok.
 - Until availability of the Donovan Room has been confirmed and a consensus made on what day to change the meeting to, the meeting will remain on the first Thursday of the month.
- Disaster Service Worker-Emergency/Disaster Council (Steve)
 - County's emergency response plan and disaster service worker draft plan were approved.
 - All county employees are considered to be disaster service workers.
 - Different classifications for DSW, training and swearing in.
 - Third DSW classification – people that show up at an event.
 - Biggest concern about this is injuries.
 - McARCS events could qualify (with pre-approval) as DSW training events.
 - Better record keeping and having regular participants signed up with NCO for insurance coverage are crucial.
 - Discussion about DSWs having background checks.
 - Shannon Barney is in favor of this, County CEO Carmel Angelo is against.

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- Tsunami exercise
 - March 26th – Test (what McARCS normally participates in)
 - March 27th – Exercise
- May health exercise
 - Exact date is still tentative per Tim and Steve Francis.
- Mendocino Monster
 - June 8th – the event
 - Feb 20th/Mar 20th/Apr 17th/May 15th/May 29th – Meetings
 - Nick will attend the first meeting, probably no need to after that – past years meetings have had little need for ham input.
- Bite Hard
 - No date set for this year's event – past events were in July
 - The organizers anticipate it to be the same as last year in planning and turnout
 - The organizers are under the assumption that there will be a monetary charge for our participation.
 - Nick will email them to clarify that, as well as no guarantees on number of participants and rules on our end (no radios in vehicles without a ham present)
- Test Session
 - There are a few people in the area that are interested in getting their license, tests in Santa Rosa are too far away for them.
 - We need to find someone that is willing to come up here to do a class and/or test session, as well as publicizing it
 - Ideally this would happen before the summer

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