

## **Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service**

Meeting Minutes November 2, 2015

This meeting was held at the Sheriff's Training Center on Low Gap Road in the Donovan Room. The meeting was convened shortly after 6 PM.

Attending this meeting (in suffix order) were KJ6EIF, W6FQX, W6JRC, KC6MGM, and KI6RIT (presiding). Also attending was a relatively new ham, KK6UEV Caleb Cimmiyotti.

KK6UEV told of his plan to introduce ham radio to the students at the Redwood Academy in Ukiah, at which he is the math teacher. His plan is to have a 2m radio installed and was asking for suggestions about models and costs. There was much advice and support offered.

The business of the meeting was primarily to select a new, or shuffled, slate of officers as KI6RIT indicated that he no longer wished to serve as President. WB9NJS (not present) had previously indicated that he no longer wished to serve as Treasurer but would accept another office.

KC6MGM declined to serve as an officer because of his new responsibility as a CERT coordinator for Mendocino County reporting to North Coast Opportunities. In that role, he expressed a desire to bring more of a ham radio role to CERT.

After some discussion around the table, it was decided to shuffle the officer positions between those that have been attending these meetings more or less regularly. The results of this are given below:

President Steve Turner, KJ6EIF  
Vice President Jim Cline, W6JRC  
Secretary John Lemmer, W6FQX  
Treasurer Nick Wharff, KI6RIT

As Treasurer Tim Hanna was not present at the meeting it was unknown if a checking account with signature authority had been established as requested at the September meeting. At that meeting the NCO representative had stated that they would be able to cover the checking account service charge of \$3 per month as a volunteer organization support. Treasurer-elect Nick Wharff will follow up on that.

In other business, W6FQX recommended that the diginet be discontinued due to lack of participation. He emphasized that without continued participation, individuals would lose the ability to remember how to configure the program and computer and would not have the most recent versions of the applicable software. "If you don't use it, you will lose it."

Also, the procedure of having the net control operator speak the general McARCS announcements will be discontinued. Some operators refused to do that and some stumbled over reading the new text – sometimes different each week. Net Coordinator W6FQX will modify the net script once again and make it available to all net control operators on a month-by-month basis. by email as the web site is still unavailable for updates.

KI6RIT said that he would see what he could do to get the web site operational again by requesting K0DYS (web site host) to see what could be done.

The group voted to support the Ham Holiday Dinner on December 11 in the amount of \$95.

In spite of the extremely low turnout of the recent on-the-air meetings, it was decided to continue them in the hope that the dark at 6 PM will encourage more hams to participate than participated during the summer, etc.

The meeting closed shortly before 8 PM followed by a check into the CES net on 75m. A considerable discussion with KK6UEV regarding his plan for ham radio at the school continued with those that remained.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Lemmer, W6FQX  
McARCS Secretary