

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service

Meeting Minutes January 4, 2016

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, WA6JBK, W6JRC, KC6MGM, KI6MJC, WB9NJS, KI6RIT, and KK6UEV.

There was a discussion about an upcoming test session. The original plan was for a date in May but it was observed that there were a number of other activities in May including the Human Race on May 7, the Mendocino Monster on May 22, and the annual health center drill at an unspecified date also in May. It seems that a date in April would be better because it might be possible to get some new hams involved in these activities. KJ6EIF and WB9NJS will coordinate either April 9 or 16 with test conductor KG6TXU from Lake County and the Mendocino County Museum in Willits and report on this later.

WB9NJS will determine the exact date of the annual health center drill and inform all interested parties.

KI6RIT reported that the new checking account needed just a couple of signatures on the authorization card to be opened and any funds deposited.

There was a discussion about the annual tsunami drill. It was suggested that March 25 would be a drill date. This is unofficial at this time as the California tsunami week is March 27 through April 2. The plan is to recruit coast watchers to observe surf activity from a safe place both for potential tsunami activity and traffic and report to the Emergency Operations Center. The secretary suggests checking <http://www.tsunamizone.org/california/> for more information.

KJ6EIF reported that the county OES coordinator, Lt. Shannon Barney, is looking for a few leads for OES affiliation in the various areas of the county. This will require completion of the ICS-100, ICS-200, and ICS-700 training plus a complete background check.

KJ6EIF inquired about methods and techniques of disaster reporting. W6FQX mentioned that the American Red Cross Disaster Assessment methods and reporting documents could be used as an example and a damage assessment reporting form is in the flmsg form set.

The meeting was adjourned prior to checking into the California Emergency Services Net on 75m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Lemmer, W6FQX
McARCS Secretary