

Meeting Minutes February 1, 2016 On-the-air meeting.

The net was convened shortly after 6 PM by President KJ6EIF. The roll was called alphabetically by the first letter of the call sign suffix. Stations responding were: W6FQX, WA6JBK, KJ6IBP, KI6MJC, KC6MGM, WA6RQX, W6RJA, WB9NJS, KG6TXU, KJ6ZVS, and KG6ZVR. W6JRC joined in a little later.

Treasurer's Report: As KI6RIT was not present there was no treasurer's report. KJ6EIF noted that a new checking account had been opened at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County.

Web Site Status Report: KJ6EIF inquired about updating the web site in the absence of KI6RIT. W6FQX reported that he had been given access for editing and was able to update the schedule of events, meeting minutes, and the log sheet.

Upcoming test session in April: WB9NJS and KG6TXU reported that the date of April 16 had been secured at the museum and KG6TXU said that was fine with him as the test session coordinator and that he would be looking for VEs from Mendocino County.. W6FQX said that he had updated the McARCS web site with the information.

Medical Facility Drill; WB9NJS was questioned about the health or medical center drill. Tim said that he thought it would be the third Thursday in May. W6FQX said that he had entered May 19 on the web site calendar of events pending any later information.

Heroes of Health and Safety Fair: KJ6EIF stated that the event had been scheduled for May 21, just one day before the Mendocino Monster bike ride. Given the timing of the two events, it seems that the MM would have priority for operators.

Mendocino Monster: KI6MJC said that she had no further information.

Human Race: There was a brief discussion about the Human Race and the possibility of getting some new hams involved in that event. W6JRC will be looking into coordinating that. The date for that event is May 8 – Mother's day.

Field Day: The field day event was briefly discussed but no action was taken. The date for that event is June 27 and 28 and is on the calendar of events.

Leads for county response: KJ6EIF said that Lt. Shannon Barney was looking for lead responders in the four quadrants of the county; North and South, Central and Coastal. Some ICS training will be required plus a complete background check – which may be different from another background check. A few names

were put forth for the central areas but nothing from the coast as there was no representative from the coastal area present on the net.

VOAD Representative: KJ6EIF stated that North Coast Opportunities (NCO) would be looking for McARCS representation at the Volunteers Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) meeting. KC6MGM is already representing CERT at those meetings. Both W6FQX and WA6JBK would be looking at that pending information from KC6MGM.

Coastal activity – Lighthouse Weekend: KJ6EIF noted that he had previously worked a lighthouse communications event at the Pt. Cabrillo lighthouse and that might be a good opportunity to have a joint meeting with some of the hams on the coast. I think that Steve was using W6C as a special event call sign. This is a world-wide event the third weekend in August – this year August 20 and 21. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/international-lighthouse-and-lightship-weekend-registration-tops-500-this-year> and https://www.wikiwand.com/en/International_Lighthouse_and_Lightship_Weekend

Membership List: W6FQX noted that there is a problem with the membership list as posted on the web site. Of the 25 hams listed, 11 live out of the local area, even if the local area includes Lake County and Southern Humboldt County. Many of the other hams had changed email addresses and/or telephone numbers. It was proposed to eliminate the posted “membership” list and the application and replace it with a statement that participation equals membership plus some other information. That was approved. W6FQX has compiled a list of participants and will make it available to McARCS officers and exercise coordinators. This list will not be posted on the web site to avoid web trolls harvesting email addresses.

The net was closed at approximately 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John Lemmer, W6FQX
McARCS Secretary.