

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service

Meeting Minutes October 3, 2016

Following the usual practice for even-numbered months, this was an on-the-air meeting held on the county-wide linked repeater system. The meeting was called to order by president KJ6EIF. Checking in were: W6FQX, W6JRC, KC6MGM, and KI6IBP.

As Treasurer KI6RIT was not checking in, there was no up-to-date financial report.

W6FQX made a report regarding the re-configuration of the EOC communications room with county communications technician Greg Glavich, WA6RQX who is responsible for this effort. W6JRC participated in this meeting. Our concerns about the proposed configuration of this room were communicated with some of the following results:

- 1) The two new VHF/UHF transceivers would be in two separate cases so as to allow two separate operators to operate separate nets at the same time. An example was one net on the 145.130 MHz repeater, for example, and another net on the county-wide linked repeater system with input to that system on the 440.850 MHz repeater. This method reduces desensitization between stations.
- 2) A new HF to UHF transceiver will be provided primarily for HF operations. The internal tuner in the proposed transceiver will be used mainly for fine trim of minor frequency changes in the existing dual-band 40-75m inverted-Vee antenna
- 3) Provisions were made for separate speakers with two earphone jacks for each transceiver.
- 4) Provisions for digital operations using fldigi for example will be provided with two separate laptop computers and radio to computer interfaces.
- 5) W6JRC was urged to return the equipment previously removed from the communications room to allow for the reconfiguration. No decision was made at this time for connection to antennas or AC power.

An announcement was made regarding the Ukiah Pumpkinfest parade on October 15. WA6JBK is the organizer for communications for this event. Operators are encouraged to contact Alan to volunteer for this.

KJ6EIF announced that an explanatory email regarding communications for the Great Shakeout on October 20 will be sent out to many operators in the county.

KJ6EIF also announced that he would be making a presentation of amateur radio to the Ukiah Kiwanis club on November 8 at the Crush Restaurant in Ukiah using, in part, a PowerPoint presentation prepared earlier.

A reminder was broadcast announcing the combined ham McARCS and WARS holiday dinner on December 9 at the Broiler Restaurant in Redwood Valley. WB9NJS is the contact person for reservations for this.

KJ6EIF announced that the in-person meeting on November 7 at the Sheriff's Training Center will include the election of officers for the upcoming year, 2017. Volunteers and nominations are urged for any or all positions.

Respectfully submitted,
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McARCS Secretary