

McARCS Minutes – October 11th, 2021, 18:00

Present: Steve KJ6EIF, Michael KM6OTE, Caleb KK6UEV, Rick KK6PZA, Tim WB9NJS, Allen KN6QCY, John W6FQX, Mike KC6MGM, Nick KI6RIT, Mary Jane WA3VUI, Jim W6JRC, Carole KI6DJH, Ken KG6TXU (via countywide), Gordon KJ6IAB

Welcome and introductions – Steve KJ6EIF

Minutes from previous meeting

No changes from draft minutes proposed.

Treasurer's report – Tim WB9NJS

No changes from last month - \$826.12

Status of McARCS website – Nick KI6RIT

The new hosting service has been set up and all data migrated from the old site hosted by Cody KODYS. The only thing left to do is to move the domain name (mcarcs.org) over to the new host. Currently the old domain host has a redirect on it to the new location – you will notice this in the address bar once the site loads (<http://173.236.97.50/~mcarcsor/doku.php>).

Once that is done, the site can be enabled for HTTPS (secure) access, which will help boost search engine result rankings and secure logins for those that edit the site.

License testing results – Ken KG6TXU

October 2nd - 4 new technicians, 2 new generals (one was a recently-licensed technician that upgraded).

Shakeout and tsunami exercises (*corrections in bold below*)

- Timeline:
 - Prior to 10 AM – community nets will take check-ins and reports to summarize and report to the countywide Shakeout net.
 - 10 AM – Mike KC6MGM will announce on countywide that the Shakeout net will start shortly.
 - **10 AM - Paula KM6SHU, at the Caspar Community Center, will start the Tsunami Net, using the Matheson Peak and Fort Bragg linked repeaters, and call their Tsunami observation locations for their reports.**
 - **10 AM - John KJ6VID, at the Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), will start the Educational facilities net using the 145.13 repeater, calling each district for their reports.**
 - 10:10 AM – Mike will start the Shakeout net, **calling individual Healthcare facilities. When complete, MCOE will be called for the education facilities report, then Individual community nets will be called for their reports.**
 - **Individual station check-ins will follow.**
 - **The Tsunami Net will be called for their net results.**

- **The Shakeout net will then conclude.**
- Steve has dropped off a new antenna, coax, and power supply cable at the Mendocino school district office. District staff said that they would have them installed before the exercise.
- Clarification discussion ensued.
- Reminder for all participants to follow transmissions with “this is a drill”.

Future activities

- Community Center Communications test/drill – Michael KM6OTE
 - Nothing to report on this at the moment.

- Holiday party
 - Tim and Sharon are not organizing the holiday dinner this year due to COVID
- License classes
 - Next spring would be a good time to hold a general license class as the question pool changes in July
 - People interested in getting their technician license have been referred to the summer class recordings

Meeting adjourned at 19:05