

McARCS Minutes – November 15th, 2021, 18:30

Meeting time for November shifted to 18:30 due to schedule conflicts

Present: Lea KJ6OUY, Nick KI6RIT, Steve KJ6EIF, Gordon KJ6IAB, Wendy KN6QDB, Mike KC6MGM, John KJ6IBP, John W6FQX, Greg WA6RQX, Mike K6MAH, Rick KK6PZA, Mary Jane WA3VUI, Jim W6JRC, Tony KN6BIL, Alon KN6GLN

Welcome and introductions – Steve KJ6EIF

Minutes from previous meeting

No changes from draft minutes proposed.

Treasurer's report – Tim WB9NJS (not present)

No changes from last month - \$826.12

Status of McARCS website – Nick KI6RIT

Nick was able to get in touch with Cody K0DYS today. The domain transfer process has been started. The website host says that it can take up to 7 days, although it will probably take much less time. Once that finishes, there may be another day or two of downtime while the changes propagate throughout the internet.

Shakeout and tsunami exercises

The exercise revealed many failed components at various facilities along the coast.

John W6FQX suggested that simulated messages be passed during these exercises, rather than just check-ins.

Mike KC6MGM said that simulated traffic will be a component of the next exercise. Mike is also working on a south coast tsunami net, to split duties and to reach further south as some areas are not able to reach the countywide repeater system. Some locations were not able to reliably reach countywide on low power (HT).

Lea KJ6OUY volunteered to assist with grant writing.

Steve KJ6EIF brought up the need to recruit more local hams. Some traveled to various locations to take part in the event, but during an actual emergency that may not be possible.

Nomination of officers for 2022

Historically, nominations and votes were done in-person but more recently it has been handled via email due to geographical/travel difficulties and COVID.

Mike KC6MGM suggested sending out nomination emails soon (this month), so that the election can be held at the next meeting.

Wendy KN6QDB has agreed to assist in generating a survey to handle the election in a more streamlined fashion.

Nick KI6RIT will look into creating an email address for McARCS – it should be possible to create a @mcarcs.org address with the new website host.

Post-meeting notes: webmaster@mcarcs.org has been created and was used to send out the officer nomination info. A mailing list group has been created in its address book using addresses provided by Steve (currently 65 people).

Future activities

- Tsunami drill – March
- Coastal Tsunami Bridge Survey
- Mendo Ultra Marathon – April 23rd
 - Mike KC6MGM is in contact with the event organizers.
- MCOE School Emergency Drill – Spring
 - Equipment repair/replacement, recruit more local hams.
- Human Race – May
- Annual Health System Drill – May
- Mendo Monster bike ride – June
 - This year's event was a "virtual" ride – tracked via manual entry or fitness apps. If the same thing happens next year, there will be no role for McARCS.
- Field Day – last full weekend in June
- Lighthouse Day – August
- Shakeout – October
 - Mike KC6MGM is leading this

Meeting adjourned at 19:30

The next meeting will be on December 13th @ 18:00