

# McArcs Meeting

## Meeting Date:

April 8, 2024

## Minutes Taken By:

Peter Kools, KN6UAW

## Meeting Start Time:

18:03

## Attendees:

### McArcs Officers:

Steve Turner, KJ6EIF

Peter Kools, KN6UAW

John Lemmer, W6FQX

### Other Attendees:

Steve Pointer, KD6DQO

Mike Carter, KC6MGM

Michael Carroll, KM6OTE

Nick Wharff, KI6RIT

## Welcome & Introductions:

Steve Turner, KJ6EIF

## Reports:

### Treasurer:

Tim, WB9NJS: no report.

## Webmaster:

Nick, KI6RIT: News page updates. Pending software update will probably be installed over the weekend.

## News & Events:

1. John, W6FQX: APRS, now in use.
2. Steve, KJ6EIF: The emergency communication test that Tim is working on is currently focused on tactical call sign assignments.
3. President nominations - Steve KD6DQO, said we should just move forward on nominating and electing a new president. Mike KM6OTE, has no capacity to take on McArcs leadership at this time. Steve KJ6EIF, thinks we should wait until the election has been put on the agenda, the meeting noticed via email and there is a more fully populated meeting.

## Other Business:

1. Steve, KJ6EIF: what's the status of the bank signature? The letter was signed by Peter, KN6UAW and emailed back to Derek KE6BEZ, but not yet received by Steve KJ6EIF.
2. Mike, KC6MGM: The Mendocino Ultramarathon still has just 3 volunteers, need 3 more. Email to 30 folks got no response.
3. Steve, KJ6EIF: Jonathan KK6RPX (Albion) called to ask if anyone wanted to take a class and test for a new license or an upgrade. (Jonathan is a very active elmer and the custodian for the linked repeater between Mendocino and Ft. Bragg.)
4. Mike, KC6MGM: International Lighthouse-Lightship communication exercise Aug 22nd, all 11 counties in coastal mutual aid region 2 (MAR2). Coordinated by Humboldt OES head Greg. Trying to get all counties in MAR2 to participate. HF nets, HF digi nets, HF winlink nets and VHF/UHF where it can work. Put it together so everyone has the ICS205 listing all frequencies in the event we have to go to mutual aid. Separate tsunami net with alternate frequencies for communications between the coastal observers. "Ham mutual aid nets." Mike still needs to work with Mendocino OES and figure out how we fit into the overall plan. Dan Ethan, Sonoma County chief radio officer, will be part of the team as well. Steve KD6DQO will email Mike the Marin emergency net frequencies and times. Mike is also working on coordinating the Winlnk nodes that will be used so it's spread around.
5. Nick, KI6RIT: has contacted two people to sign up for the next test session. VE's lined up for the session which is on April 27th, 10AM at the Redwood Academy in Ukiah.

6. Mike, KC6MGM: Routes and Hubs program on the coast. Westport fire chief called Mike to get ham operators in each of their hubs. Mike is hesitant to provide contact details as he's not sure how the information will be protected. Steve KJ6EIF, said hubs and roots have identified some hams and are protective of the PII. 30+ hubs have been identified. John KK6UMV in Pudding Creek hub. Frank in Whale Gulch is also involved. Problem for MACS as well because MACS will be assigning radio operators, and then Fire goes and grabs hams for hubs and routes resulting in resource collisions and other issues. It turns into a matter of what happens and who can get where.

When the Mendocino EOC radio room is set up, there will be 2 HF and 2 VHF radios. One HF will have Winlink and fldigi capabilities. Will have headsets and foot pedals but will need 3-4 people. One to operate countywide net, one to log countywide (logger doesn't need to be a ham). No radios at the sheriff's department, now in Greg's office. Still waiting for the wall opening for the coax runs. Antennas will be moved from the sheriff's office (VHF). Two long wire antennas will be put up for HF. Nick KI6RIT cleared McArcs stuff out of the search and rescue office two weeks ago. All in a tote, laptop updated with Winlink and fldigi. Once the permanent home is ready, it will go back in. Mike said there will also be a printer.

7. Steve will put together an agenda a week in advance of the next meeting if one isn't available from Derek to make sure we've noticed the election.

## Meeting Adjournment:

18:43

## Next Meeting:

Monday May 13th, 2024 at 18:00 on Zoom