

McARCS Meeting

Meeting Date:

May 13, 2024

Minutes Taken By:

Peter Kools, NB6H

Meeting Start Time:

18:08 (There were difficulties with Zoom that delayed the meeting start.)

Attendees:

McARCS Officers:

Derek Hoyle, KE6EBZ
Steve Turner, KJ6EIF
Peter Kools, NB6H
Tim Hanna, WB9NJS
Dan Edwards, W6AAM
John Lemmer, W6FQX

Other Attendees:

Steve Pointer, KD6DQO
Mike Carter, KC6MGM
Rick Azarnoff, KK6PZA
Mary Jane Cummings, WA3VUI
Michael Carroll, KM6OTE
Michael Mar, W1TEY
Alan Spivak, WA6JBK
Sean Murphy, K6SCM

Meeting Called to Order:

Derek, KE6EBZ

Reports:

Treasurer:

Tim, WB9NJS: \$876.12 balance unchanged. Banking signature changes hopefully updated this week with the bank.

Webmaster:

Nick, KI6RIT: No report.

News & Events:

1. Tim, WB9NJS: April 26th test session - 2 techs, 1 general passed. Next test session is June 15th in Lakeport at the Lake County office of education.
2. Tim, WB9NJS: APRS net is active. From Mike KC6MGM, Lamar Hudson, AE6LJ is putting this together.
3. Mike, KC6MGM: Mendocino Ultramarathon report. Great success, Peter NB6H, Mike KM6OTE and Tim WB9NJS worked the event with Mike. There will be a check from the event; disposition of the funds will be determined once it's received.
4. Steve, KJ6EIF: Spring school communications test - none planned for the spring.
5. Tim, WB9NJS: Health care facilities EmComm test. Thursday this week; every health care facility equipped with 2M radio is staffed. The test starts at 15:00 and is integrated with another exercise with the health care coalition. Check in only, no significant message passing will be tested. Maybe $\frac{1}{3}$ of facilities have a licensed operator; others depending on community ham radio operator support. General message is don't be afraid to volunteer to help support radio-based activities.
6. Derek, KE6EBZ: Special election for interim McARCS President: taking nominations for the remainder of Derek's 2024 term. Nobody stepped up. Derek will keep doing it until he leaves, but we need someone to take this over sooner rather than later.

Other Business:

1. Steve, KJ6EIF: Field day. Worked on a template to plan the event. He wants to assist, but not take over planning the event. Shared a planning worksheet from 2012 for use in 2024. Tim, WB6NJS: third year partnering with Willits school system to use the Baechtel Grove School site. Early enough to engage students in the event, leveraging inside contact (Brian Bols) to get a flyer or other information aimed at students distributed. Tim is volunteering his wife to help with food. WARs will also provide some of the food. Bruce, AI6XK hosting field day and POTA at Russian Gulch road 409 where the pavement turns to dirt. The gate on right side is where everyone will be located. Hams will be there Friday - Sunday. Steve, KD6DQO is also available to help with field day planning.

2. Rick, KK6PZA WARs update: next meetup location not yet planned. Also advocating for people to get involved.
3. Mike, KC6MGM: August 22nd, major exercise for mutual aid region 2 coordinated by Humboldt County OES. Weekly net will be created. 7 counties committed out of 16 in the region. We need people to get trained so we don't have a massive communication issue when the next emergency occurs. Steve, KD6DQO interested in training and being involved. Dan, W6AAM asked if we could use the McARCs email list to send out a notification.
4. Mike, KC6MGM: we need more people trained. Let's get more of this group pushing out the message about emergency training availability to get more participants. Brainstorming on how to get attendees as well as recurring practice to sustain skills.
5. Mike, KC6MGM: CERT program still operational, run by North Coast Opportunities out of Lake County. Online course where you take most online, then a weekend of hands on, practical application. The URL for this is <https://www.ncoinc.org/volunteer-network/disaster-response/community-emergency-response-team-cert-1/>
6. Derek KE6EBZ, We need to get new hams excited about emergency response and connect them with Mike KC6MGM to get trained.

Meeting Adjournment:

19:02

Next Meeting:

Monday June 10th, 2024 at 18:00 on Zoom