

July 8, 2024 MCARCS meeting minutes.

Meeting started late, Zoom difficulties.

Derek not moving, will remain as President.

Tim gave a treasure's report, no change but expecting a deposit soon from donation from Coastal Run

Condolences expressed by all for the passing of Peter Kools. Derek will write a card to Peter's family.

Nick (via Mike MGM), Derek, Steven P and all expressed loss and said he was a really nice person. Tim, recalled that he didn't know Peter well but will miss him. Peter participated in presenting the General Class training class.

Dan added though they never met, he was super nice on email, was looking forward to meeting him but alas.

Sean K6SCM, and others offered a moment of silence.

Derek asked for nominees for secretary, Steve Pointer, KD6DQO, said he would consider returning to the position. Derek is not moving, so no election required, cheers heard from all! Derek is not feeling well this evening.

Tim hopes within the next few weeks to schedule a test-session in Ukiah, possibly late August or September. June 15 was the last test session, a couple both advanced from Tech to General. Dan, added that a new Extra Test question pool was issued July 1.

Field Day - Inland - Nice turnout, new father and son licensees, the son had a general class license. He was supported in building a 40 meter dipole during that afternoon. The student was excited about making contacts, so started a Willits HS Ham Radio club the last two weeks of school. He will be a Senior next year. Lots of good radio-bonding. About 130 contacts logged, in 27 states, 4 Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico. Also logged DX contacts with France and Australia. Tim, secured advance publicity in the Willits Weekly News, then a photographer/reporter made a visit and printed a very nice report with lots of photos the week following.

Mike, KC6MGM, received \$350 from 50K run for MCARCS. Discussion of how to spend the donation. Mike suggests \$100 for Zoom, \$50 from WARS. Was suggested to reimburse Mike \$50 for last year, he declined. Dan, W6AAM, suggests putting the \$\$ in McARCS for Zoom coverage for the next few years. John FQX, tried to comment but had no audio. Steve DQO, with very muffled audio, suggested that the county should support by providing Zoom. Mike, K6MAH, suggested that there are other county priorities like getting the radio room built and equipped. Maryann, is part of the disaster training team. She said she would introduce the idea of supporting, lots of thumbs up. Sean K6SCM, suggested an MOU. Steve P suggested approaching the county OES is a good idea, as we all spend lots to establish our stations and time teaching classes. Derek suggested a back-door approach. Mike MGM, stated while the sheriff's office had OES, they had Zoom. When OES moved to the County Administrative Office, they changed to MS Teams which can only be accessed by county employees. Mike MAH suggests trying to find \$\$ from sources through channels, not antagonizing the Administration. Tim, WB9NJS, said the Zoom account supports everyone, just as everyone supported the Race. He supports placing in McARCS account and using it to pay the Zoom account which would support all. ST & Sean support the idea. Mike MAH suggests the best way to (sorry lost comment)

Tim Made a Motion that the donation received from 50K Marathon should be deposited to McARCS account with \$150 used to pay for next Zoom account, seconded, passed nearly unanimously.

Further discussion

Tim, We need to find opportunities to be involved, May Health Care was a recent example. Supports being active and successful. Mike MGM, OES exercises, Humboldt County working on an exercise involving all 16 counties in mutual aid region 2. There are 7 counties plus Humboldt involved so far, tomorrow invitations going out to all 16. Mendocino County participation unknown at this time.

Tsunami exercise net is being planned for the coastal counties. Mike MGM will be in surgery Aug 22 during communications exercise. Mike is looking for someone to cover the meetings and coordination until then as he prepares for surgery. Humboldt has CERT, Red Cross, Hams, all day exercise. Mendocino County participation is up to Jeff & Garrett. Mike MGM needs coverage for Monday meetings at 3pm. Mike, K6MAH and Sean, K6SCM volunteered. Steve, DQO would also be happy to participate. MGM is grateful.

MGM recently gave presentations on communication forms and logging to 13 students. Depending on his recovery, he will try to do it again in future. No training currently scheduled

Derek is working with Pt Cabrillo Lighthouse, re operating at the site during the International Lighthouse weekend Aug 17-18 needs \$35 and event insurance for state parks.

WARS update. Rick, getting involved with county government, based on community preparedness activities, and reporting on these events in the paper. Showing up at community events such as the Blackberry festival in Covelo. W6MMM page is re-worked, and still has information. This Thursday at 7:30. Meet-up in Laytonville at Harwood Park July 27th Collaboration with coast hams being planned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm. Submitted by Steve Turner, KJ6EIF