



Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Date: 18May09

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Present: Tim Hanna Jim Cline  
Annie Robinson

Agenda

- I Communications
- II McARCS ID's
- III Operating Procedures
- IV Field Day
- V Follow-up: Human Race, Hands on Elmer Session
- VI Coast Life Support Exercise
- VII CAHAN
- VIII Announcement

Minutes

- I *Communications: Board of Directors (BoD) to General Membership (GM)*
  - BoD meetings are open to all interested general members who wish to attend
  - Minutes will be posted on McARCS website. Webmaster will be contacted and asked for reasonable lead-time to post minutes.
  - The BoD President will review BoD minutes during the first 15 minutes of GM meeting
  - Minutes will continue to be sent individually to BoD.
  - On another BoD note: Because of her interest, enthusiasm and participation, Jim will invite Elizabeth KI6TIB to sit on the Board of Directors.
- II *McARCS Identification cards*
  - Jim spoke to Bill Woodworth, OES, about his requirements for county issued ID cards. Bill is fine with McARCS developing their own ID card but he cannot issue them through his office. Some further discussion was held on the ID's and the use of multi-agency logos added to the ID cards. No final decision made.
  - Discussion followed about the possibility of McARCS volunteers registering with NCO's Volunteer Network of Mendocino County (VNOMC). Under the VNOMC, liability would be covered for the McARCS volunteers if called out by VNOMC.
  - Jim will talk to Tami Bartolomei, Project Director, about next steps. He will also ask Tami if the next McARCS BoD meeting could be held at NCO and if she could attend to speak to the group.
- III *Operating Procedures*
  - The Board of Directors accepted the Operating Procedure document dated 04 April 2009 with the understanding that it is a living document and subject to change.

#### IV *Field Day*

- At the last General Membership meeting several members agreed to help plan the Field Day event this year. Tim will get the list of names that volunteered and they will be asked to assist with the planning.
- Several sites were mentioned, some research will be done and information shared with the planning team.
- George Burton has graciously offered his communication trailer for the event.
- Potential sites and person responsible for info gathering (info back to BoD by Wed 20May09)
  - Low Gap Park - Annie *(as of 19May09 – The Low Gap Park Pavilion is available for both Saturday and Sunday June 27 & 28. The cost has increased to \$20 a day (for under 50 ppl) and \$30 a day (over 50 ppl). The contact person at MC General Services is Susan 463-4291. The site is NOT on hold and is on a first come first serve basis.)*
  - Pear Tree Center – Jim
  - Willits Airport – Tim
  - Lake Mendocino overlook and campground – Jim
  - Redwood Academy Parking Lot (State Street next to Fairgrounds) – Jim

#### V *Event Follow-up*

- Human Race – 10 to 12 HAMS participated in this event - the event went well.
- MCOE Exercise – Lessons learned from the exercise two years ago made this event run more smoothly. It was suggested to make this an annual exercise.
- Hands on Elmer Session – Approximately 11 people attended of various levels and experience including four Lake County HAMS. This was a very successful and fun event. A lesson learned was that it might have helped to have more Elmers involved for small groups. Tim produced a PowerPoint presentation that could now be taken “on the road” more easily.

#### VI *Coastal Life Support*

- A letter was sent from Coastal Life Support to Bill Woodworth and redirected to Jim Cline requesting McARCS participation in an upcoming exercise 15July09.
- A lead coordinator is asked to volunteer for McARCS activity.

#### VII *California Health Alert Network (CAHAN)*

- The Board of Directors were invited to join CAHAN
- The Health Alert Network and its purpose was explained by Annie
- The next two-hour training is scheduled for Tuesday 09June09 1000 to 1200 hrs. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Guadalupe Chavez at 472-2732. Space is limited.

*VIII Announcement*Secretary's note:

Because of my current “frantic” schedule and time constraints, with a heavy heart, I have resigned from active duty on the McARCS Board of Directors. McARCS was co-created by Frank McGarvey and myself because we saw the need for an emergency communications group in Mendocino County. My professional interest has been to assure medical/health has been represented and I’m confident those interests will continue to be represented.

I am extremely proud of this group and the people who have brought it to where it is today. There is no doubt in my mind that McARCS volunteers will always step up and respond to a communications emergency and because of you, Mendocino County is a safer place to live and work. I will always be a strong supporter and proponent for McARCS and I’ll continue to be involved on the periphery when I can and wish to remain on the mailing list. When appropriate drills, exercises and trainings are discussed, McARCS participation will be strongly encouraged. If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you and 73’s to you all!  
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Next Meeting date, time & location:

**Thursday, June 18**  
**Time and Location TBD**

**McARCS 4/30/09 ~ Agenda**

- Membership list: Who maintains?
- California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) - Annie