

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, January 6th, 2011 ~ 1730

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: John Lemmer, Jim Cline, Steve Turner, Tim Hanna, Nick Wharff, Shannon Barney, Alan Spivak, John Ragland

Old Business

- Antenna/radio setup at EOC
 - Current radio/SAR room needs to be reorganized to better utilize limited space.
 - Jim will work with SAR on reorganizing the room.
 - Additional help is needed for planning coax runs/antenna placement, whether equipment is needed, etc.
- Health Center antennas/equipment
 - Unknown funding for most clinics/health centers for equipment.
 - Round Valley clinic interested in setting up a radio station, unknown status.
- Radio communications vests
 - Iron-on transfer sheets are about \$1 a sheet.
 - W6JRC has been working with Liz at Boys and Girls Club on designs.
- McARCS Banner
 - Roughly \$10 per banner, lower strength/weight canvas than our current McHam banner (\$100).
 - W6JRC has received logos from NCO to put on the new banner.
 - W6JRC will bring a sample NCO banner next month to compare with the current one.
- Membership Roster
 - Proposed idea of sending out a mass e-mail for membership signups and to be covered under liability insurance with NCO.
 - W6FQX will send out the e-mail and pre-fill all applicable form fields.
- Organization P.O. Box
 - KI6RIT will check with the Ukiah post office on P.O. Box availability.
 - WB9NJS will check with Tami at NCO on address availability there.
- Standardized tactical callsigns

Upcoming events

- Tsunami exercise - March
 - Drill will be run out of EOC.
 - One or more coastal sites will be used.
 - W6FQX will coordinate participation.
- McARCS April Meeting
 - EOC Donovan Room is reserved in April.
 - Tentative agreement on April 2nd.

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- Possible coastal meeting, venue unconfirmed.
- Short business portion (30 minutes max), focus on upcoming events, followed by food and activities.
- KJ6EIF will create an agenda for the meeting and announce input on the countywide net.

Reports

- Treasurer's Report
 - Checkbook/account info has not yet been passed from the previous treasurer (KI6MJC) to the current treasurer (KI6RIT).
 - WB9NJS still needs to be reimbursed for the holiday dinner.
 - KI6RIT will get in contact with KI6MJC to get checkbook
- Countywide Net annual report
 - KI6MJC has been keeping net records in a spreadsheet, but she was not present this meeting.
- Local nets annual report
 - The Ukiah net has had increased participation since changing the time from 17:30 to 19:00.
 - The Digi Net has had steady participation every week, with plenty of practice for all participants. The net runs between 30 and 90 minutes.
 - Anderson Valley has recently established their own net, on 147.420 MHz at 18:45 on Tuesdays.

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