

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, February 3rd, 2011 ~ 1730

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Steve Turner, Tim Hanna, John Lemmer, Nick Wharff, Marcella Chandler, Alan Spivak

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: KI6RIT

Nick discussed costs of a PO box – need alternate to Marcella's address

Money spent to reimburse for holiday dinner

Mail/PO Box \$22 every 6 months; 6 keys (\$15 if lost/rekey)

Scan bank statements – put on website with authorized access

Pursue dues or club license to replenish funds

Old Business:

Status of reorganization of EOC station – W6JRC

Organize work party for comm. Room

Jim met with Shannon Barney

Room could be better utilized by all

FGX feels we need to move on this ASAP

NEED SAR people present

Make plan to redecorate / organize (Jim submitted draft)

John will write up plan to move HTs, then some furniture around - ? to Jim; what kind of latitude do we have to rearrange this space

Options for customized McARCS "Radio Communications" vests

Iron on, stick on, sew on or what?

Options for McARCS banner - W6JRC to present sample

Table for now – Jim not present

NCO sign up for membership recognition – not sent out yet. Possible privacy concerns with contact information and actual birth date required. See sample -- W6FQX

Reviewed the NCO form – would enable participant to access some NCO benefits

Who has responsibility of membership? Likely the secretary

Some people have issues with some of the fields on the form

On-website – member sign up – how to access?

Nick will try to call up data-base – who is currently on the list now?

Alter sign-up or add NCO volunteer form to our site

What to do with folks who want to volunteer but don't want to sign the NCO form? Release of liability?

PO Box or NCO mailing address report – KI6RIT/WB9NJS

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Location of April meeting -- verify if coastal meeting would be attended by coastal members
Business meeting or social? Agenda items to consider -- KJ6EIF
[Sent out email survey – not much response](#)

ID Cards or Badges

Who creates and who recognizes? Still Open

[Review email](#)

[Lots of holes; ongoing work in progress](#)

[Discussion on reality of being called to services, especially by a school district – will they know us, procedures, etc.?](#)

Membership Roster (with contact information -- where and how published?) still open

[See above – conversation mushed with above item](#)

Comments and updates to Contact list previously emailed by W6FQX

[John will send Steve's email to ALL groups / lists](#)

Establish standardized Tactical Call Signs for common locations

W6FQX has candidate list – will email to meeting participants after meeting – [John will come up what he feels is reasonable and send out for comment](#)

New Business

- Tsunami exercise scenario – W6FQX <http://wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov/pdf/PACIFEX11Final.pdf>
 - [Met with Steve \(MCOE\) with other folks \(Valerie et al\). Suggest getting some spotters on the coast to report](#)
 - [Steve – simulation with school district; 1\) coast watch net, 2\) MCOE net](#)
 - [Might be an issue @ MCOE as there's already a meeting happening there that day](#)
- MCOE exercise scenario -- KJ6EIF (3/23)
 - [PH equipment is non-operational as it's been moved \(Marcella's office\)](#)
 - [Possible solutions: cross band repeater, go-cart w/J-pole, go-box; drop antenna to a common space...](#)
- Mendocino Rally ?? August 6 KI6MJC ?? <http://mendocinorally.com/>
 - [Lean – SCRA – Pat Coyle](#)
 - [Does not meet the criteria of what McARCS will participate in, but DOES build relationships and is an exercise opportunity](#)

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Upcoming Events and Exercises Date Coordinator

Tsunami Watch	March 23	W6FQX
MCOE Exercise	March 23	KJ6EIF/W6FQX
Public Health Exercise		KI6MJC
Mendocino Monster	June 12	W6JRC
Field Day	June 25 & 26	WB9NJS
Boonville Fair Parade	September 18	
Harvest Ride	October 2	
Shakeout 2011	October 22	

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