

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, March 3, 2011 ~ 1730

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: John FQX, Nick RIT, John R, Pete, Jim, Carl, Steve, Tim, Alan, Marcella

McARCS Meeting Agenda

March 3, 2011

Present: John L., Nick, Carl, John R. Jim, Tim, Alan, Marcella, Steve, Pete

Old Business:

Status of reorganization of EOC station – W6JRC

This Saturday is the work party; Jim gave a show and tell on intent for room. Has himself and 5 SAR participants. Goal, more desk space for a radio and operator; access to another power source, room inventory, and overall better usability. No need for more volunteers. Is an OES office used by SAR.

Options for customized McARCS “Radio Communications” vests

Iron on, stick on, sew on or what? -- still open

Jim showed heat transfer done

with help of Boys & Girls club: Mendocino Exchange – if we use our logo (slightly altered),

\$45 or \$25 base minimum charge - \$2.75 per vest; Jim has 21 vests

can come out of McARCS budget or charge for vests (make wearers invest in product)

hand out at events? Issue to individuals based on Nets?, activities?

Silk screen is the way to go – they camera/photo ready art (Tim volunteered to do artwork for submission – McARCS logo and no additional wording)

Options for McARCS banner - W6JRC to present sample

Person who was helping is unable at the time – table but keep on the agenda

PO Box or NCO mailing address report – KI6RIT/WB9NJS

Is it worth \$44 a year to just get statements? Nick will look into this.

Location and Agenda of April meeting -- KJ6EIF

Derek, Carl/Cindy, Nick, Steve/Debra, Jim/Diane, Tim, John

If Steve puts together a venue and activity(s): digi, antenna clinic, “go” kit, HAM apps, etc.

John will email all coast

Will first check into Mendocino cite, then FB

Do we go forward if there is only 1 coast participant

ID Cards or Badges – W6JRC referencing Sgt. Barney’s designs

Jim showed ID issued for SAR; intent is for Shannon to issue exact same format to all participants, noting various affiliations – County issue and uniform the same

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Membership Roster -- reference NCO sign up (email list)

John will take the entire list and sent it to Tammi – many HAMs are already on a list as CERT and such

Comments and updates to Contact list previously emailed by W6FQX

John got little feedback on the list: Steve knew of a few changes and will note same for John. Issue on who to contact: fire, hospital, OES – who are the responders at each location and where are we allowed. As a group, perhaps McARCS should go to each location, introduce members and give list of contacts for that location.

Standardized Tactical Call Signs for common locations (email list)

Nothing done yet – stay on agenda for now

New Business

Assignments for Tsunami/School District Exercise (email list) (two parts)

John passed out list of participants thus far; not many... Some need mentors

Reviewed – strengths and weaknesses of operators, locations, and equipment

Alan signed up too, Jim added to list (already responded as yes for EOC), Don & John R.

Discussion on use of FLDigi for event

What does Shannon want – Tim will follow up; check with Humboldt and Del Norte – is there activity happening up there too?

Some HAMs will need to bring equip; each site should have antenna and coax already but not all set up; also have power supplies – bring tools and clips and anything you might need to connect a radio to power supply

discuss use of Sonoma Mt Repeater system (Dale?) – goes up/down the 101 corridor – stay with County wide was end best thought

John will work on assignments and reissue comm ops; Steve will come up with list of school contacts

<u>Upcoming Events and Exercises</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Tsunami Watch	March 23	W6FQX
MCOE Exercise	March 23	KJ6EIF/W6FQX
Public Health Exercise		KI6MJC
Mendocino Monster	June 12	
Field Day	June 25 & 26	WB9NJS
Boonville Fair Parade	September 18	
Harvest Ride	October 2	
Shakeout 2011	October 22	

8/6 Add Mendo Rally to list of upcoming events for all to see – perhaps not a McARCS sanctioned event though Sonoma club will need lots of local volunteers

Pat Coyle wants to meet with us as more details emerge; Marcella will email status thus far

Add YES camp to event; weekend presentation – Jim will get more info later

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