

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, September 5th, 2013 ~ 1800

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Jim W6JRC, Tim WB9NJS, Ed KG6RHL, Nick KI6RIT, Alan WA6JBK, John W6FQX

Reports

- Treasurer
 - \$250 donation from the Rotary Club in June for the Mendo Monster
 - \$400 donation from the Bite Hard folks
 - \$35 reimbursement to Tim and Sharon Hanna for Field Day food
 - \$124.95 reimbursement to Jim Cline for the new EOC dual-band antenna
 - Current total in the McARCS account is \$968.18
 - Budgeting for various things - \$200/yr for Field Day/Holiday Dinner reimbursement, \$200-300 for event mileage reimbursement, \$100-150 for EOC equipment/upgrades?
 - John will do some budgeting for the above items, to get an idea how much each would cost in reality
 - Nick will check with North Valley Bank to double-check who is authorized to sign checks
- Website
 - Updated countywide net script, check list, check-in history posted
 - New Digi Net documents need to be posted

Events

- BOS/National Disaster Preparedness Month booth
 - Board of Supervisors will declare September as the National Disaster Preparedness Month
 - Steve will have the Teen CERT trailer there
 - Tami would like us to have a quick speech to present to the Board
 - Bring EOC radios and set up in the trailer?
 - Pictures of the antennas and EOC setup
 - Nick has a laptop available for presenting a slideshow in the trailer
 - Demo of IRLP/WIN System?
 - Steve and Jim will be at the county admin center, Tim will be listening in Willits, Ed will be listening in Piercy, possible participation from south coast and south county.
- Holiday Dinner
 - Friday, December 6th – Happy hour at 6, dinner at 7
 - Budget \$75-100 for items?

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November 7th, 2013

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- California Emergency Services Net (CESN) HF net
 - Mendocino County has been listed on their roster for years, but no official check-ins since possibly when MESA was around
 - Steve checks in on an informal basis (Mendocino County Alternate), with permission from Shannon and Tami
 - The nets are on Monday night and Wednesday morning.
 - Possibly rotating various local hams for net participation duty. Nick is willing to participate, not sure about others yet.
- Fire Expo
 - October 5th, Pear Tree Shopping Center
 - McARCS participated a few years ago
 - Good event for public exposure
 - Tim has ARRL literature, Chuck may have some as well
- Harvest Ride
 - Tim will be out of town that weekend
 - John is willing to SAG the Redwood Valley loop (62 mi?)
 - Jim is available to SAG

Other Items

- Spring 2014 class/test session
 - Tim has had numerous requests from hospital/clinic staff for another class and test session
 - Next hospital/clinic communications drill is sometime in May
 - It would be good to impress on new and current licensees in such institutions that ham radio shouldn't be the primary backup communications method (aka, ham radio being "oversold")
 - The two-day class/test session a couple of years ago from John Breckenridge was well received, would prefer to have something like that instead of a one-day cram/test session.
 - Jim will check with John Breckenridge to see if he's available/interested in doing a two-day session up here

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