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Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, November 6th, 2014 ~ 1800

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

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

Reports

- Website
 - Minor updates to News and Nets sections
 - Nick will talk with Cody (K0DYS) about server access for CMS updates, backups, etc.
- Treasury
 - Six (6) Motorola P110 HT batteries were purchased by Nick, for a total of \$95.92
 - Account balance is now \$664.31

Items of discussion

- Officer nominations
 - Nominations/elections have been postponed until December due to lack of members present.
- Meeting schedule/venue changes
 - Jim has proposed having the monthly meetings on countywide and quarterly meetings at a local venue (EOC, Round Table Pizza, etc.).
 - In theory, this would increase participation as travel requirements would be reduced greatly
 - Tim suggests at least 4-6 meetings at the EOC a year to maintain a ham presence there.
 - John would like to keep regular EOC meetings to keep on top of EOC radio training/maintenance
 - Tim and Alan suggested keeping a logbook in the EOC radio room, to help make it more obvious to others that the equipment is being used, among other typical uses for a logbook.
 - The topic will be brought up during countywide nets this month, and at the next meeting before deciding what meeting schedule to adopt.
 - **Regular on-site meetings will continue at the EOC, special meetings/seminars/build sessions will be held elsewhere TBA.**
- SAR office/ops position revamp
 - Current furniture (large L desk, bookshelves) takes up a lot of space and isn't utilized efficiently
 - Jim suggests making a reorganization plan and presenting it to Shannon Barney and Tami Bartolomei.
 - Steve has surplus cubicle walls/furniture that may work well in the room.

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- Motorola Radius P110 HT update
 - Batteries were purchased, will be here any day (*Edit: They arrived on Friday 11-7*).
 - Battery charger timer is currently set to turn on once a week, Greg Glavich suggested once a month with an occasional (every month or two) full discharge to prevent Ni-Cd memory effect. This could be done between CESN/ORCA net night and McARCS meeting night.
 - Greg Glavich has the programming software for the HTs, requires DOS and an old PC to run correctly.
 - A programming cable and “rib” are needed to interface with the radios, Nick will check online for availability and pricing.

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