

# McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ~ 1800  
Minutes

## Introductions and Announcements

Present: Nick KI6RIT, Jim W6JRC, John R., KJ6IBP; Tim WB9NJS, John L., W6FQX

## Reports

- Website
  - John L. updated his guide on using digital modes with a computer. It now includes instructions on using a SignalLink device.
- Treasury
  - Bank account change
    - Tri-Counties Bank (formerly North Valley Bank) is imposing new fees on their club/organization checking accounts. Minimum non-fee balance is now \$1000, \$10/month fee if it drops below that.
    - TCB also is forcing a new account number, which will require the club to purchase new checks.
    - Savings Bank has a \$600 minimum, less \$3/month fee.
    - Savings Bank also has many more branches in the area.
    - Redwood Credit Union requires a tax ID (free from the IRS), unknown if having an ID will require tax returns to be submitted yearly.
    - **Unless RCU can provide a better deal than Savings Bank, the club will move to Savings Bank.**
  - Holiday Dinner
    - Tim bought a \$25 HRO gift certificate for the raffle.
    - Last year's McARCS split was \$95 (decorations, prizes, etc), likely the same amount this year.
    - **A motion to approve \$95 for the holiday dinner was passed unanimously by members present.**
- Officer elections
  - Tim is willing to continue as treasurer
  - Jim is willing to continue as vice-president
  - John L. volunteered for secretary, John R. as backup secretary
  - Nick is willing to continue as president
- Meeting schedule change
  - Tim and John L. both agree on at least 6 meetings a year at the sheriff EOC, to maintain a presence; additional meetings as needed for high-profile event planning
    - No objections by others
  - Tim suggested changing the meeting date to Monday or Tuesday, to tie the meeting into one of the HF nets. This will allow members to more easily and frequently practice using

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the equipment at the EOC.

- Having a “summary”/update net on countywide in between regular meetings would keep everyone up to date and more easily solicit feedback from hams that would normally not be present.
- Summary: Bi-monthly meetings, monthly net when there is no meeting, change meeting/net schedule to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month @ 6 PM.
- **A motion to change the meeting schedule as outline above was carried, with four ayes and one abstention. The next meeting will be on January 5<sup>th</sup>, then every other month afterward.**
- Class/test session
  - It has been a couple of years since there was a class or test session in the county
  - Coordinate with Lake County on that, or an elmer day?
  - We need more fun events to draw newer hams, most of the recently-licensed ones haven't been heard from since they earned their license.
  - Check with Sonoma County on if anyone there is available to do a class/test session (short-term)
  - Long term solution would be to host our own classes and tests
    - Gordon West Radio School instructor kit?
  - Contact Sonoma and Lake Counties for contact info on recent Mendocino County attendees of their test sessions.
- Net changes
  - John L. proposes dropping Lake County from the countywide community roll call due to lack of response.
  - Tim suggests keeping it as-is out of courtesy.
  - **The countywide roll call will stay as-is**

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