

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service

Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2015

Present were President Nick Wharff KI6RIT, Vice-President Jim Cline W6JRC, Secretary John Lemmer W6FQX, and Treasurer Tim Hanna WB9NJS. The change to a Monday evening for the regular meeting probably caused a few to miss the date and both Marcella Chandler KI6MJC and Steve Turner KI6EIF apologized via email and radio for missing the meeting due to illness.

A major subject of the meeting was establishing the dates for the various public service activities during 2015. The details are posted on the web site under the Events tab. The first event is participation in the national and county tsunami drill tentatively scheduled for March 26. The next event will be providing communications for the annual Ukiah Human Race scheduled for May 2.

There was a discussion about holding a ham test session in Willits in the spring on a date yet to be decided. The test coordinator is expected to be Ken Alvey, KG6TXU, from Kelseyville. This will be a test-only session with some local Volunteer Examiners participating. It was suggested that a question and answer session be held approximately a week ahead of the test session to help prospective students gain some more information other than that found in the study books. Publicity and identification of students will need a date determination and a commitment from the county museum to allow the test session to be held there.

Treasurer Tim Hanna presented details on the shift of the checking account from the new Three Counties Bank (formerly North Valley and Six Rivers) to the Savings Bank of Mendocino County (formerly the Bank of Willits and others). Providing we keep a balance over \$600 and accept electronic monthly statements there will be no monthly charge. Applications for a check approval signature card were completed.

The business session of this meeting adjourned for a familiarization session with the Yaesu HF-UHF transceiver operating with Ham Radio Deluxe and with contacts with the Humboldt County HF net and with the California Emergency Services Net, both on 80m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Lemmer, W6FQX
Secretary, McARCS