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Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, March 2nd, 2015 ~ 1800

Present: Tim WB9NJS, John KJ6IBP, Nick KI6RIT, Alan WA6JBK, Mike KC6MGM

Reports

- Website
 - Feedback was left on the site about the mismatch between the text version of the regional repeater list and the Excel/PDF versions
 - The text version of the list is very time-consuming to edit if there's a substantial amount of changes
 - Mike brought up a point – why list so many out-of-county repeaters? Maybe list the Mendocino repeaters, and a couple of critical ones in each surrounding county
 - This would free up a lot of room in the list to add repeaters on other bands (220, 440, etc) without the list growing to unmanageable sizes or splitting/maintaining multiple lists
 - Alan mentioned linking to the NARCC site for an up-to-date regional repeater list
- Treasury
 - The Tri-Counties Bank account was closed out on January 16th
 - Tim withdrew all of the money in the account - \$589.31
 - An account with Savings Bank hasn't been opened yet, as there is no immediate need to deposit or withdraw funds right now, and having the account open costs \$3/month. As soon as checks or other banking functions are needed, the account will be opened.

Items of Discussion

- EOC training
 - County OES is sponsoring free EOC training sessions based on various ICS-devised sections
 - March 12th – Logistics
 - March 19th – Operations
 - April 9th – Finance
 - April 16th – Planning
 - Email discussions occurred about which one of the categories would be most applicable, with Logistics being agreed upon. Anyone is welcome to attend multiple sessions or whichever one they feel is most valuable.
 - To participate, contact Nick Arendt at county OES (arendtn@co.mendocino.ca.us)
- Tsunami exercise – March 25th
- Test session – April 11th/18th
 - Tim has volunteered to check the ARRL test session calendar, and post the test if it isn't listed
 - Joyce has been holding study sessions at the Willits library every other Friday afternoon
 - Q&A session , April 11th – Alan, Nick have committed to participating at the session, no

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other firm commitments yet.

- Human Race – May 2nd
 - No further information at this time
- Mendo Monster – June 7th
 - No further information at this time
- Health and Safety Fair – July 18th
 - Organizers are planning on putting on a health and safety fair in Boonville. CPR training, CHP/fire dept presence, OES reverse 911 demo, etc
 - This may be a good opportunity to promote ham radio and McARCS in an area that has normally not had much ham activity
 - Present members thought it would be a good idea to participate, have 2-3 people present to discuss and hand out pamphlets
 - Mendocino Rally may end up being the same weekend, so that may limit ham participation
 - Need to bring up at the next meeting/email discussion before responding to Tami

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