

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Monday, March 7th, 2016 ~ 1800
Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Caleb KK6UEV, Jim W6JRC, Steve KJ6EIF, Nick KI6RIT, Tim WB9NJS, Mike KC6MGM

General Business

- Treasurer's Report
 - Nick doesn't have an exact amount, but the count was \$621.31 as of January. A bank statement came in for February, none yet for March. \$3/month fee for account, so somewhere between \$615-620. Update will come post-meeting.
 - *Post-meeting update: There is \$615.31 in the account as of February 29th.*
- Website Report
 - John W6FQX has been updating the site for the last couple of months in Nick's absence
 - There was some website issues/downtime that was resolved by Cody K0DYS
 - Nick will update the website this week with new minutes/agendas/treasurer's report, as well as updating the Events page since we have dates for most/all of them

Upcoming Events

- MESA Achievement Day – May 19th
 - Judges for various events/competitions, volunteers needed
 - Runs from roughly 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Two events in the morning, lunch, then awards in the afternoon
 - No currently-planned events have tie-ins with radio
- Tsunami exercise – March 23rd
 - 3-4 volunteers penciled-in so far
 - Same instructions for hams as last year
 - 7 radios ready for school district deployment; ham/school participation is encouraged
- CERT training
 - SPACE theater at 508 W Perkins St, Ukiah
 - Dates: March 15th (7-9 PM), 17th (6-9 PM), 29th/30th/31st (6-9 PM), April 2nd (9 AM-4 PM)
 - RSVP: 462-1959
- Ham test session – April 16th
 - Due to the amount of signups, the test venue has changed from the Willits museum to the main HHSA building at 1120 S Dora St., Ukiah
 - Current signups: 19 for technician, 2 general, 2 extra
 - Tentative seminar in Willits on May 21st
 - Possible pre-test Q&A session, TBD
- Mendocino Coast Ultra Marathon – April 23rd

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- Tim has been tentatively handling ham planning/logistics, he has asked Derek KE6EBZ to help handle things since it's a coastal event
- Smaller number of hams (8-10) needed as they can move forward on the coast to later aid stations as earlier ones close down
- No SAGs for this event
- Steve suggested checking into the coastal Tuesday evening net to ask for more participation
- Human Race – May 7th
 - Jim confirmed with one of the organizers that McARCS will participate
 - Small number of hams needed (6 last year?), good training opportunity for new hams
 - Same course and everything as last year
- Annual county-wide health system communications exercise – May 17th
 - ~10 AM-1 PM
 - More details to come...
 - Tim would like to try digital transmissions, especially with south coast (they still have a practice net there)
- Heroes of Health and Safety fair – May 21st
 - Mike KC6MGM will man a CERT booth and has agreed to represent McARCS as well
- Mendocino Monster – May 22nd
 - No further updates currently
- Field Day – June 25th/26th
 - Tentatively same venue as the last few years – behind the museum in Willits
- International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend – August 20th
 - At Pt Cabrillo Lighthouse
 - Steve has contacted the Pt Cabrillo board/site manager, they approved us operating there with some caveats
 - From the sound of the correspondence, no large group/party allowed
 - Last time we were there, there were 3 of us
- Harvest Ride – September 25th
 - No info yet from Boys and Girls Club, more to come...

Other Topics

- EOC participation/activation, county leads
 - Continued discussion regarding the September fiber cut
 - While the EOC was activated, the hams were not technically activated or were directly involved with the EOC; they were self-activated for the most part
 - Hams weren't involved with the after-action report/meeting
 - Shannon Barney mentioned having a "head ham" in each quadrant of the county, with call trees under each person
- Event booths - Redwood Fair/Mendo County Fair/Willits Airport Day
 - Mike KC6MGM will be operating a CERT booth at the above events, he has offered to represent McARCS as well

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