

McARCS Minutes – December 13th, 2021, 18:00

Present: Steve KJ6EIF, Mike KC6MGM, Michael KM6OTE, John W6FQX, Tim WB9NJS, Rick KK6PZA, Nick KI6RIT, Dane KN6BCX, Jim W6JRC, two unknown visitors

Welcome and introductions – Steve KJ6EIF

Minutes from previous meeting

No changes from draft minutes proposed.

Treasurer's report – Tim WB9NJS

No changes from last month - \$826.12

Status of McARCS website – Nick KI6RIT

- The website has been running smoothly since it was brought back online last month.
- Webmaster@mcarcs.org email address has been created and was used to send out solicitations for officer nominations.

Review process and Election Results of Officer for 2022 – Nick KI6RIT

- Nick sent out an email blast to around 65 people for soliciting officer nominations. Many people present at this meeting reported that they did not receive an email.
- Nick will try sending out another email tonight and check for delivery during the countywide net this week.
- Nominations will be extended until December 31st. Nick will work with Wendy to get the election SurveyMonkey ready by the following week, so that the election is wrapped up before the January meeting.

Planning for the next license class

- Steve has received multiple emails from people interested in a license class. He responded that we were considering doing one this coming spring. Another person asked if it was possible for us to do a private class sooner than that.
- Tim suggested a minimum of 20 students for a private class, possibly starting in early January.
- Recordings of the last class are on YouTube. Links are still present on the McARCS website, in the News section.
- Posting a date will help get people motivated (deadlines are effective).
- Tim WB9NJS will talk with Ken KG6TXU, Caleb KK6UEV, Jonathan KK6RPX, and Michael KM6OTE for scheduling a test session in Ukiah and Fort Bragg sometime in March.

McARCS net coordinator and webmaster discussion

- Prior to the meeting, John W6FQX announced that he would be stepping down as the McARCS net coordinator and webmaster.
- The net coordinator duties include: logging check-ins (both community and individual) and community net participation counts from the countywide net into a spreadsheet (posted on the

McARCS Nets page), adding and removing communities and nets from the net control script, and notifying net control operators when there are changes with the script.

- The webmaster duties include: posting updates on the McARCS website such as meeting and event information, contact information, and documents and media.
- We discussed ways to take some of the net coordinator tasks, such as the logging aspect, and distributing it to the net control operator for that week. While John fills out the log on his computer in real time during the net, not all net control operators are keen to operating a computer while they are running a net.
- Nick KI6RIT has full access to the website so he can take over webmaster duties if needed.
- Nick, Steve KJ6EIF, and Mike KC6MGM proposed alternatives like taking in the log via paper/document scan or email report and entering it in the logging spreadsheet afterwards.
- John decided that he will continue his roles for now. Nick will help fill in as needed, using the spreadsheet.

Future activities

- Tsunami drill – March – Mike KC6MGM
- Coastal Tsunami Bridge Survey
- Mendo Ultra Marathon – April 23rd
 - Mike KC6MGM is in contact with the event organizers.
- MCOE School Emergency Drill – Spring
 - Equipment repair/replacement, recruit more local hams.
- Human Race – May
- Annual Health System Drill – May – Tim WB9NJS
- Mendo Monster bike ride – June
 - Steve reached out to the Rotary Club to see what their plans are for next year. They responded that they will be hosting a “virtual” ride again due to COVID and lack of volunteers on their end.
- Field Day – last full weekend in June
- Lighthouse Day – August
- Shakeout – October
 - Mike KC6MGM is leading this

Meeting adjourned at 18:58

The next meeting will be on January 10th @ 18:00