

McARCS Minutes – February 21st, 2022, 18:00

Present: Steve KJ6EIF, Nick KI6RIT, Allen KN6QCY, Michael KM6OTE, Ken KW6V, Tim WB9NJS, Erif KI6GGD, Garrett (county OES), Rick KK6PZA, Mary Jane WA3VUI, Ken KG6TXU, John W6FQX

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

- Recent minutes and agendas have been uploaded to the website.
- Prior pages for minutes and agendas have been re-linked on the Resources page.
- If anyone has copies of agendas and/or minutes that are not on the website (roughly mid-2016 to mid-2021), please email them to ki6rit@gmail.com or webmaster@mcarcs.org.

Technician license class report

- Nick KI6RIT has received emails from two people for info on study materials and test registration.
- Jonathan KK6RPX has received zero sign-ups thus far for the coastal test session on March 12th.
- Ken KG6TXU has received four sign-ups thus far for the inland test session on March 5th – three for technician-class, one for extra-class.
- Ken will be e-filing the test results with the ARRL on Saturday afternoon following the test. This will greatly expedite the licensing process – licenses can be issued as early as the following Monday or Tuesday.

January tsunami after-action

- County OES sent out Nixle alerts and a Facebook post around 8 AM the day after the Tonga eruption.
- The estimated arrival of the tsunami was around 7:24 AM.
- Michael KM6OTE received an alert shortly before 8 AM.
- Erif heard about the tsunami on local commercial radio between 6-7 AM.

Other McARCS news and discussion

- US Forest Service proposed fees
 - The deadline for public comment submissions is tomorrow, February 22nd.
 - Link for public comments: https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/FS_FRDOC_0001-3605
 - Comment identifier: *RIN 0596-AD44*
- Fort Bragg repeater relocation

- The repeater has been relocated to the senior center.
- Downtime was minimal – a couple of days.
- An agreement is in place so that the senior center has no liability.
- The new location has a better view of Fort Bragg than the old location.
- Countywide net control rotation changes
 - The same people from the same communities tend to handle net control duties for countywide.
 - Tim WB9NJS suggested adding the other nets into the rotation so it's not just communities.
 - John W6FQX recommends keeping it to a rotation based on nets rather than a call for any volunteers anywhere.
 - A decision was reached to add the non-community nets (except for Lake County) to the net control rotation after Willits.

Future activities

- Test sessions
 - Ukiah – March 5th
 - Fort Bragg – March 12th
- Tsunami drill – March 23rd – Mike KC6MGM
 - 11 AM-noon
 - Contact Mike (mgmcarter@outlook.com) if you would like to volunteer.
- Coastal Tsunami Bridge Survey – March – Lea KJ6OUY
 - Lea will be coordinating this, same day as the tsunami drill above.
 - Navarro Bridge will be included.
 - John W6FQX suggested doing bridge surveys during earthquake events.
- MCOE School Emergency Communications Drill – April 7th
 - Equipment repair/replacement, recruit more local hams.
 - Event schedule has been shifted to a day not shared with other events, due to lack of available volunteers.
 - Some schools are located a relatively large distance from their district office. Steve KJ6EIF will make inquiries to see if they already have means of contacting their district offices via radio.
 - Contact Steve (stkj6eif@gmail.com) for information or to volunteer.
- Mendo Ultra Marathon – April 23rd – Mike KC6MGM
 - Mike is in contact with the event organizers.
- Human Race – May – Jim W6JRC
 - Jim spoke with someone at NCO, they said they don't have any information at this time.
- Annual Health System Drill – May – Tim WB9NJS
 - Possibly mid-late May, not finalized yet.
- Mendo Monster bike ride – June
 - “Virtual” event again this year.
- Field Day – last full weekend in June
 - Planning to commence closer to the event.
- Lighthouse Day – August

- Shakeout – October 20th – Mike KC6MGM
 - John W6FQX receives emails and surveys regarding this event.

Meeting adjourned at 19:02

The next meeting will be on March 14th @ 18:00