

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service - MCARCS

March 14, 2022 - 1800 hrs Via ZOOM Link:

DRAFT Minutes by KJ6EIF

Attending: KJ6OUY Little River, KI6GGD Albion, KM6OTE Fort Bragg, W6FQX Brooktrails, KC6MGM Laytonville, WB9NJS Willits, KN6QCY, W6JRC, KK6PZA all north Ukiah, KG6TXU Kelseyville, KJ6EIF Orr Springs

Welcome, 6:05pm - Steve KJ6EIF

Minutes from February meeting - KI6RIT - previously sent

Treasurer's report - Tim WB9NJS no change in balance - \$826.12

McARCS webmaster report: Nick KI6RIT not present at meeting

Posting Revised County-wide script effective 3/16-attached

Nick has revised Net Script , first interest focussed net March 23. Discussion followed of encouraging more hams acting as net controls on all nets.

McARCS news/updates

Technician license class report - Ken KG6TXU

March 5 test at Redwood Academy. 12 tested, 9 passed Tech 1 passed Extra 2 failed

March 12 Ft Bragg test cancelled, only 1 registered, unable to contact - Michael

KM6OTE, Ken and Caleb are negotiating dates for a May test in Ukiah. Ken will test

in Lakeport during Field Day

Ukiah Net monthly gatherings - Rick KK6PZA

Meeting last Saturday of each month at Joe Riley overlook. Bring radios and visit.

Stan KI6ZOH also holding Tuesday morning coffees in Ft Bragg.

FB Senior Center repeater article - Mike KM6OTE

Mike submitted article explaining newly relocated Ft Bragg repeater to Sr Center to newspapers. MOU with Sr Ctr and Jonathan KK6PRX will maintain equipment.

Center also hosts Internet, KZYX studio and has backup power. Potentially a shelter location for community.

Tsunami Drill - March 23 - Mike KC6MGM

Drill fully staffed 10 Mile River to Pt Arena except for Navarro. Anchor Bay club

assisting with Pt Arena. Lea reported locating and getting permission for Navarro

Ridge site access will send info to Mike MGM. Mike explained there is not

explanation for the communications failure between NOAH and the County that caused county residents to be notified after the recent Tsunami.

Coastal Tsunami Bridge Survey - March 23 - Lea KJ6OUY

Lea will be hosting a "Shift Change" training immediately following the Tsunami Drill at the old Albion Firehouse. Focus on long term staffing of radio sites.

School Emergency Communications Test - April 7 - Steve KJ6EIF

Nine of 12 districts participating plus four other school sites. Anchor Bay club

verifying Pt Arena equipment status. Three separate exercises: calling local

hams via simplex for local situation reports, contacting nearby districts to determine any need for mutual aid using local repeaters, reporting to County

Office of Education on county-wide system, immediately followed by signal

quality test by all districts of ACS designated schools repeater 145.130.

Remaining 2022 Planned Activities to date

- Mendo Ultra Marathon - April 23, 2022 - Mike KC6MGM
Will begin seeking volunteers immediately
- Human Race - May?
Jim W6JRC, followup email, event has been canceled indefinitely
- License Test - May date TBD - Redwood Academy - Caleb KK6UEV
- Annual Health System Drill - Date and format yet undetermined - Tim WB9NJS
- Field Day - last full weekend June No discussion yet
- Lighthouse Day - August ?? No discussion yet
- Shakeout - October - KC6MGM
Mike suggested and offered to coordinate a county-wide drill with health care and schools. Discussion will follow soon.
- Mendo Monster Bike Ride - 2023 maybe

Other News and Updates?:

Suggestion to return to in-person meetings -Keith KM6SNY Not discussed during meeting. Followup email reaffirmed the Zoom allows broad geographic participation which would not happen if only in-person option. Options suggested, technical help for Keith, possibly hybrid meeting with Zoom. More discussion next month.

Items for next meeting: April 11, 2022

Discuss County-wide net rotation including “interest focused nets”
Hybrid meeting format?