

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service - MCARCS

November 14, 2022 - 1800 hrs Via ZOOM Link:

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Jon Mike Tim, Alan, Larry, Dan, MarryJane, Gordon, Lea, Garrett

DRAFT Agenda Minutes

Welcome, introductions - Steve KJ6EIF

Minutes from Sep 12, Oct 10 meeting - pending. Secretary position OPEN

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

McARCS webmaster report: Nick KI6RIT - Tim Nick created an email to test session sign-ups:
exams@mcmcarcs.org

McARCS news & event reviews

Mendocino County Shakeout Report:

Tim, WB9NJS, Health Care providers participation, 14 of 16 with installed equipment participated. No volunteers were available in missed areas anyway. All expected facilities participated. Some minor equipment issues. Good signals from all. Impressed with operators effective use of phonetic alphabets. Met goal of combined traffic (Health & MCOE). Last minute simplex between Baechtel Creek Clinic & Adventist in Willits a plus. What could have gone better? Didn't update participant list for Mike at last min. Some participants had to participate longer than expected. Some delays due to traffic on frequency.

Steve, KJ6EIF, participation of the School Districts and County Office of Education was very good. Nine of twelve districts participated, two operated by school staff. Of the remaining three, two declined but there may have been a lack of volunteers for the three anyway. Schools responded within, then contacted their regional neighboring districts to offer or request support. Support messages were then forwarded to MCOE through EOC operated net. MCOE acted as school net control with two operators present, both lived within walking distance of the facility. MCOE then forwarded and non-school support messages back to EOC net control for relay to EOC staff. Future improvements could be made by increased use of phonetic alphabet, more concise messages, more site staff licensed operators.

Mike, KC6MGM, Mendocino Office of Emergency Services (OES), KA6EOC report - happy with multiple organizations on 1 freq. Would like to expand next year to include Tsunami watch. . Observations: everyone spoke too quickly to copy. As net control op had no time to log, need to have 2nd as scribe. Difficult participating in both HF intercounty net and controlling VHF net. Mike will present Log and Radiogram practice again next year and classes on procedures and documentation. Presenting to Seattle soon.

John suggests digital messaging instead of verbal. Tim pointed out digital / voice conflict on same repeater system.

Rick, KK6PZA not present WARS update by Tim - very successful seminar in Oct over 25 people with various subject tables. Great to revive this ham community activity. On air meeting last Thursday, plans and dues for 2023. Club back on track after COVID years.

Discussion / Action Items:

1 Review, discuss and vote on proposed revision to MCARCS Constitution Article 5 Section 2 Elections

attached, changing the date of officer elections from November to December. *Accepted by all present.*

2 Method of conducting election *Nominations invited via email and County-wide announcements. ST to provide email list to Tim by first week of December. Tim will investigate Survey Monkey vote tallying first week of Dec with totals by Dec meeting.*

Other discussion items from those present

2022 Activities remaining

Officer elections

2023 Traditional Events

- Tsunami Test - March
- Spring School Communications Test
- Health Care Facilities Em Com Test
- Mendo Monster Bike Ride Sag & Communications - June if not Virtual?
- Tim has received lots of requests for Tech License training. Has have been referring to MCARCS web site. Some of info/presentation looks outdated. Should we update and offer again? Mike, Tim and Steve , open to new class. Tim asked and both Alan and Dan confirmed that they favor in-person presentations with Video backup. Tim will seek interest at the Health Care Coalition meeting and let us know. He will also investigate in-person sites where interest exists.
- Field Day - Jointly with WARS last full weekend June
- Shakeout Communications drill - October
- Nomination of officers for 2024 - November
- Election of officers - December

Next Meeting December 12, 2022 1800 hrs.

Agenda items: Election of officers for 2023