

# Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service - MCARCS

**December 12, 2022 - 1800 hrs Via ZOOM Link:**

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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Welcome**, introductions - Steve KJ6EIF

**Minutes** from Sep 12, Oct 10 meeting - pending. Nov 14 attached by Steve Secretary position OPEN

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

**McARCS webmaster report:** Nick KI6RIT - nothing new, working on giving Dan access

### **McARCS news & event reviews:**

Test Session Dec 17 - update - Nick - unsure on number of signups. Students from Redwood Academy, one for Extra class test and looks like there will be enough VEs. First session for Nick & Tim 9:30, this Saturday Dec 17 at Redwood Academy at the Fairgrounds. Ken will be there for support. Tim would like to schedule one in Lake Co early next year. New licensees should go to QRZ web page for free goodies.

Mike, KC6MGM, MACS update, after 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan will set up training classes on procedures and documentation. Just did one for Seattle. Will also schedule log and Radiogram practice sessions. Tim asked about the issuance of IDs and if they will continue to be from the sheriff's office. Garrett said continuing from the Sheriff's Office.

Rick, KK6PZA WARS update Rick will probably be pres next year. Will continue to host last weekend of month meetings. Would like to add Covelo, VHF contest and of course Field Day. Would like to have more youth involved in radio.

### **Discussion / Action Items:**

Review, discuss election, and vote Tim, WB9NJS Only one nomination, for existing officers to continue. Jim Cline comment, text message from Frank McGarvey he has been away but is back in ham radio. He would like some help getting back on the air. Contact Jim at 707-272-4366

Tim suggested and everyone agreed to extend the deadline

Technician License training - next class Tim - Mike looked at new pool and saw minimal changes. Tim and Steve need to review to see how many changes need to be made to presentations. Rick asked about General License class. Tim question pool will change in June and has been published.

Suggested putting energy into new pool sometime next year. Mike revising the regulation section.

The National tribal Emergency will be presenting the Tech Class from 4 Jan 4<sup>th</sup> info to come... Rick asked if our recorded classes are still available on resource page of MCARCS

Mike - attended a ARRL meeting on Zoom from Kirstin McIntyre from ARRL est 8mil hams 1.7 mil active, would like to stress service to community, not just a hobby. The Forest Service requirement to charge for ham radio repeaters has been delayed. Congress is working on draft legislation to exempt ham radio. No bill number yet.

Tim - Dec 22, 10am on Konocti then Hunters Point- Lake Co will be conducting a Health Care Emergency Com drill, both hospitals and public health. Also a test on Anthony Peak.

Question re Shakeout: from John Ragland KJ6IBP re including local damage reports in next year's Shakeout drill - Mike MGM said he would add John to contact list for next year.

Nick will update calendar on web sit with dates for next year

Mike April 22, 2023 Mendocino 50K Run Mike will be seeking hams to support

Other discussion items from those present

**MCARCS Supported Events:**

- County-Wide Net - every Wednesday, 1930 hrs
- Tsunami Test - March
- Mike added April 22 50K Marathon
- Spring School Communications Test
- Health Care Facilities Em Com Test
- Mendo Monster Bike Ride Sag & Communications - June, if not Virtual
- 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 January 9, 2023 1800 hrs.

Agenda items: 2023 Annual Activities, Technician License class