

Minutes: MCARCS General Meeting-10 April 2023  
Steve, KD6DQO Secretary

### MCARCS Business Minutes -

Meeting starts at 6:00 PM via Zoom by Vice President Steve Turner. Officers attending are: Steve, KJ6EIF; Tim, WB9NJS; Nick, KI6RIT; John, W6FQX; Dan, KN6QCZ; Steve, KD6DQO. President Derek, KE6EBZ was absent. Thanks to the many members who attended the meeting.

1. Treasurer Report: McARCS balance remains \$826.12
2. Health System Communications Exercise – Tim, WB9NJS reports Public Health needs to push out planned communications exercise to a later date in May as all facilities need licensed HAM radio operators. Date TBD
3. WWW Software Upgrade: Webmaster Nick, KI6RIT plans to upgrade the McARCS web site software. This update will provide for smoother browsing and correct errors and bugs. Nick will execute this update in next few days
4. Test Session Status:
  - a. Ft Bragg-Ken, KW6V ran the testing where 5 candidates passed. Mike, KM6OTE passed out several new radios (3) to new HAMS and passed out handy local Frequency cards to testers.
  - b. Saturday Test: Tim, WB9NJS wants to provide testing for all class upgrades in addition to new Technician test. Not too late to sign up.
5. EOC: Mike, KC6MGM gave a brief outline for the new Mendocino County EOC site location. County is looking at 880 North Bush Street as new home for the EOC. EOC is looking at updating software to include Winlink and FLDIGI at the EOC. The EOC call sign is KA6EOC when activated.
6. Tsunami Drill & Info:
  - a. Tsunami Drill was a success. The Casper Communication Center received all station transmissions during the test drill.
  - b. Mike, KC6MGM noted that the cable feeding the Tsunami siren was stolen. He also noted that the Nation Weather Service will notify Mendocino County EOC of Tsunami events in the area. At that time, the EOC will activate and broadcast information on the Countywide repeater system. He encouraged local simplex nets to gather local information and report to the repeater system so that all Mendocinoians can stay updated on Tsunami events
7. [Http://www.mcarcs.org](http://www.mcarcs.org): John, W6FQX provided a brief history of McARCS website. He also updated the MCARCS Operational

Procedures, correcting old information, adding new details and cleaning up the language to make it easier to follow and simpler.

8. WARS UPDATE: WARS President, Rick, KK6PZA announced WARS sponsorship for communications at the upcoming 50K Ultra Marathon this year. The event is held on April 22 at the Jackson Demonstration Forest and ending at Big River Beach. Contact Rick or Mike, KC6MGM for more info. See details on the McARCS web site.  
<https://www.mcarcs.org/doku.php?id=news>

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- a. Mike, KC6MGM started a general discussion about communication with the county EOC during emergencies and prioritization of packet transmissions using ICS-213 forms. Several members responded that packet might not be widespread enough for exclusive use and concern about limiting the mode of communication to Mendocino County EOC. The two major issues discussed was the use of the call sign, KA6EOC and the mode of communications. This discussion is ongoing

Meeting Adjourn: VP Steve, KJ6EIF closes the meeting at 7:22 PM MOL

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Steve, KD6DQO, Secretary-McARCS