

**ABARC** Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club  
PO Box 815, Gualala CA 95445 <http://www.abarc.net>  
**Minutes January 18, 2010 7:30 PM**  
Bill Platt Center, Gualala, CA 95445

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35 PM by President Jack Haverty K3FIV. Approximately 15 people were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone in attendance introduced himself/herself with name and call sign.

**APPROVAL OF SEPT 12, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Ken KE6WC and seconded by David KI6VEU that the meeting minutes of September 12, 2009 be approved as published on the club web site and as distributed via email previously to all club members. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Marcia KG6NHX reported that the club as of today has a total of 33 members who have paid dues for 2010. The total amount of funds in our account presently is **\$2,607.84**. Ken, KE6WC moved to accept the treasurer's report and Arthur (KI6VEV) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS**

Dennis KI6HHA, Nominating Committee Chair reported that the nominating committee composed of Fred W6WTI, Marcia KG6NHX, Bob AA6VS and Dennis KI6HHA contacted various club members to determine who would be interested in running for an officer position in the club. Based on the member response, the Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of candidates for election as ABARC officers for 2010:

President	Jack Haverty K3FIV
Vice President	Fred Leif W6WTI
Secretary	Dennis Kelleher KI6HHA
Treasurer	Don Heimburger K3DH
Activities Director	Ken Reynoldson KE6WC

Dennis asked for nominations from the floor. There being no additional nominations Dennis requested a motion to approve the candidate slate and to designate the president, Jack K3FIV, the secretary, Dennis KI6HHA, the treasurer, Don K3DH and the former treasurer, Marcia KG6NHX as authorized signers for the club checking account at West America Bank. The motion was made by Art KI6VEV and seconded by Betsi KG6YMB. The motion was passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

As a small token of the club's appreciation, Dennis presented Marcia KG6NHX who retired as club treasurer, with a plaque for her outstanding and dedicated service to the club as its treasurer from 2008-2010,

**ELMER SESSION REPORT**

In the absence of Fred W6WTI, there was no Elmer session report. Dennis KI6HHA announced that the next Elmer Session is being scheduled for Wednesday February 3, 2010 at 1:00 PM following the ABARC luncheon. The Elmer session will be held at the Platt Center in Gualala.

The topic will be an open forum with a question and answer format. Fred welcomes suggestions for future topics. Contact Fred at [w6wti@arrl.net](mailto:w6wti@arrl.net).

### **REPEATER STATUS REPORT**

In the absence of Bob WA6M, there was no repeater status report. Ken indicated that both the 147.825 and 146.610 repeaters currently are operating properly. Jack K3FIV proposed establishing a repeater committee with Bob WA6M as chair. The primary role of the committee would be to help monitor the repeater function, evaluate future equipment needs and train additional persons to assist Bob WA6M to maintain the repeaters. This committee will serve as a group of local operators who can deal with repeater-related problems, especially in emergency situations, and be able to control the repeater, turn links on and off, monitor battery status, etc. Jack asked for volunteers who would be interested in working with Bob WA6M on this committee. Ken KE6WC, David KI6VEU and Don K3DH expressed an interest in serving on this committee. Jack will contact Bob WA6M to let him know who has volunteered to work on the repeater committee. Bob WA6M will set a date for the first committee meeting and let the committee members know.

### **OFFERING FUTURE LICENSE CLASSES**

On November 7, 2009, Dennis KI6HHA and Fred W6WTI offered a Technician license class in Gualala which was well advertised. Seven persons registered for the class, but only three people attended the class which is a concern. Ken KE6WC proposed that the next license class the club offers should require a \$20.00 registration fee in advance for people who sign up. If an individual fails to show for the class, the \$20 becomes a donation to the Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club. If the person takes the class and passes the test (the test requires a separate \$15.00 administration fee for ARRL), the \$20 class registration fee will be applied to the current year ABARC dues thus automatically making the person a club member. There was discussion regarding the minimum enrollment necessary to teach the class. Proposals of ten, seven and five students were suggested. After discussion the group agreed with the \$20 class registration fee and a minimum enrollment of five students to offer the class. If the minimum enrollment of five students was not obtained and the class was not held, the \$20 class registration fee would be refunded to the students. Ken KE6WC suggested **we offer the next class on Sunday June 13, 2010 using these new procedures**. Dennis KI6HHA will reserve the Platt Center, collect student registration fees, advertise the class and update the class information on the ABARC website.

### **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Ken KE6WC gave an overview of the past year activities of the club including Field day participation in June, providing communications for the Pt Arena July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, providing communications for the Gualala River Run in October and participation in various contest events throughout the year such as the California QSO party. Ken asked what kinds of activities club members would like to do. One suggestion coming out of the discussion was that the club investigate getting some type of vest so that ABARC members can be easily identified during events in which we participate. Jack asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to look into getting club vests. Marcia KG6NHX, Betsi KG6YMB, Jan KIJRW and Lynn KI6QZV volunteered to serve on this committee which will be chaired by Cathleen W8CAT who will contact the members and set up a committee meeting date.

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES FOR ABARC**

Jack K3FIV raised the topic of developing a list of capabilities that ABARC members could do during an emergency. The purpose of this effort is to create a list of names and contact information of people who are willing to be contacted if there is an emergency and one of the local emergency response agencies asks for help. Jack will develop a simple one page form that will be sent out to all members to ask what they can do to help in an emergency. This will help us compile a data base. On a related topic, the issue of notifying utilities during an outage was raised. The PG&E outage report line number is 800-743-5002. The number for reporting phone outages to AT&T is 866-346-1168 or 866-577-7726. The number for Verizon to report phone outages is 800-483-1000. Please make a note of these numbers for future reference.

## **MENDOCINO COUNTY RERPORT**

Ken KE6WC said there was no report from Mendocino County but reminded everyone to keep their batteries charged and fuel tanks full during stormy weather which we are experiencing presently.

## **SONOMA COUNTY REPORT**

In the absence of Fred W6WTI there was no report from the Sonoma County coast unit.

## **NET CONTROL SCHEDULE FOR 2010 AND CLARIFICATION OF NET CHECK IN**

Dennis KI6HHA passed around a sign-up sheet and asked members to volunteer to be Net Control for our Tuesday night emergency nets. Dennis will send an email to members not in attendance to invite them to volunteer to be net control on various dates in order to develop the 2010 schedule which will be compiled and posted on the club website. There was also a brief discussion about allowing "early check ins" on the Tuesday night net in view of the club adopted policy from the June 9, 2008 meeting regarding net check ins. Since that policy relates to Proxy check ins only and does not mention early check ins at all, the group agreed that early check ins are not prohibited by this policy. Jim KG6PTX asked for clarification on what would be considered an "early" check in. Dennis KI6HHA responded that this could be decided by each Net Control person, but that he would personally accept early check ins no earlier than 6:45 PM when he was serving as net control. The group by consensus agreed with this practice.

## **NEXT ABARC MEETING**

Jack K3FIV proposed that our next club meeting be held on **MONDAY MAY 3, 2010 FROM 7:30 pm TO 9:00 pm AT THE PLATT CENTER IN GUALALA.** Dennis KI6HHA will check with CLSD to see if the room is available and will send out an email and post the date on the website when it is confirmed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jan K1JRW and seconded by Lynn KI6QZV that we adjourn the meeting. Jack K3FIV adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM. Jack K3FIV thanked Lynn KI6QZV for bringing cookies and Marcia for bringing bottled water as refreshments for this meeting.

**Respectfully submitted, *Dennis Kelleher* KI6HHA, ABARC Secretary-Webmaster**