

ABARC Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 815, Gualala CA 95445 <http://www.abarc.net>
Minutes Sept 25, 2010 1:00 PM

Alice & Leighton Nelsen's home, 34020 Iversen Road, Gualala, CA

CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA APPROVAL AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:15 PM by President Jack Haverty K3FIV. Jack opened the meeting by thanking our hosts, Leighton KG6FPP and Alice WA6EXM Nelsen for their generosity in allowing us to use their house for the club BBQ. The agenda was approved as presented by acclamation. Approximately 17 people were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Ken KE6WC and seconded by Alice WA6EXM that the meeting minutes of May 3, 2010 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

In the absence of Don K3DH, our club treasurer, Dennis KI6HHA presented the following information which he had been sent by Don in preparation for this report. Our club checking account has \$2193. Since our May meeting, we have done the following:

- Eliminated the unused club house phone line.
- Monthly phone bill is now about \$15.30.
- Received \$85 in dues.
- Spent \$567 on vests, received \$382 from orders, hence net cost of \$185
- Still have 7 regular and 2 XL vests in clubhouse.
- Website cost is about \$36/qtr.
- Picnic costs are about \$30.
- Club has 3 Yaesu 270 HTs for loan or sale. (Don K3DH has them.)

ELMER SESSION REPORT

Fred W6WTI announced that the next Elmer session will be held at the Platt Center on Thursday October 21, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 PM following the ABARC luncheon. The topic will be based on questions from those in attendance. But we'll be prepared to talk about other things too such as going over some topics we've covered in the past couple of years that could include, but would not be limited to: Setting up your radio to work repeaters, repeater basics, the ABCs of Emergency Communications, being Net Control - tips and hints, traffic basics. Of course Fred is always open for topic suggestions. Please contact him with you ideas at w6wti@arrl.net.

ABARC VEST DISTRIBUTION REPORT

In the absence of Cathleen W8CAT, Dennis reported that the club had ordered and distributed safety vests to help identify our club members during events that could be worn by our members during club activities such as the July 4th parade or Gualala River Run. The club spent \$567 on vests, received \$382 from orders, hence net cost of \$185. The club has 7 regular and 2 XL vests in the clubhouse for purchase or loan to members who participate in a club activity, but don't own a vest. It was proposed that the club keep half the vests as new for future purchase and the other half as loaners. The proposal was approved by acclamation.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES REPORT

Ken KE6WC invited interested persons stop by his truck to view radio equipment that is for sale, most of which comes from Jerry KG6YLV. The proceeds from sale of this equipment will go to ABARC. Ken also announced that next weekend was the California QSO party for those interested in participating. Please contact Ken KE6WC if you are interested in participating. Lastly Ken announced that he had 9 volunteers to help with the Gualala River Run on Saturday October 16 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Any others who wish to help out should contact Ken KE6WC.

REPEATER REPORT

In the absence of Bob WA6M, Fred W6WTI reported that all repeaters are working properly at the present time. Fred reminded everyone that in the event of a need to communicate with Santa Rosa, the Cazadero (Meyers Grade) repeater is an alternative to using the Sea Ranch linked repeater system. The Cazadero repeater is on 147.975 with a negative offset and a PL of 88.5. If you are in a location on the coast where you can communicate with that repeater, people in Petaluma, Sebastopol, Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa can also communicate directly with that repeater. The advantage is that this repeater does not depend on a linking system through Point Reyes to reach Santa Rosa. Lee N6MIV also reminded everyone about the CARLA 440 repeater system that has about 20+ linked repeaters throughout northern California and southern Oregon to communicate with people out of the coastal area.

MENDOCINO COUNTY RERPORT

Janie, KI6CHA was unable to attend the meeting. Ken KE6WC said there was no report from Mendocino County.

SONOMA COUNTY REPORT

Fred W6WTI announced that there was no report from Sonoma County and that unfortunately he is not getting much support for ACS from the County Office of Emergency Services due to the current budget crisis that Sonoma County and all of California is currently facing.

ESTABLISH 2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dennis KI6HHA announced that he and Lynn KI6QZV are moving to Roseville CA on October 27, 2010 and he will therefore be unable to chair the nominating committee for 2011 as he has done for the past three years. Fred, W6WTI is the only member of the nominating committee who is able to serve since Bob, AA6VS moved and Don K3DH indicated that due to other commitments he would not serve on the committee nor stand for election to any club officer position. Since Jack K3FIV and Jan K1JRW currently have listed their home for sale and are planning to move to the Sierra Foothills area when it sells, Jack will not serve as president in 2011. Jack, Don and Dennis will all complete our current terms which expire in January 2011 if at all possible, but Fred does need some volunteers to help him with the nomination process and to help recruit members to serve as club officers for 2011. No one at the meeting volunteered. Dennis KI6HHA stated that none of the positions are very time consuming nor difficult. He estimated that the time commitment is less than one hour per month for these positions. Jan K1JRW remarked that if no one stepped up to fill the positions of club President, Secretary and Treasurer, maybe the club would "go dark." Hopefully that won't happen. If you can help with the nominating committee or if you would be willing to serve in one of the club officer positions for 2011, please contact Fred W6WTI at w6wti@arrl.net.

NEXT ABARC MEETING

It was proposed that our next meeting would be held on January 17, 2011, which is the Martin Luther King holiday, at the Platt Center beginning at 7:30 PM. All members present agreed to the date so Dennis KI6HHA will contact CLSD to see if the building is available and let everyone know by email when the date is confirmed. **TERRY OF CLSD CONFIRMED THAT THE ROOM IS AVAILABLE SO OUR MEETING WILL BE AT THE PLATT CENTER ON MONDAY JANUARY 17, 2011 AT 7:30 PM.**

OTHER ITEMS AS INTRODUCED

Joyce KG6VHC announced that Jane, owner of the Redwood Grille, will again be opening to serve lunch beginning October 5th. Jane would love to have the ABARC group back, but she understands if we may not wish to return because of the short notice we received in July when she decided to discontinue serving lunch. There was a brief discussion. Jack K3FIV proposed that rather than make a decision at today's meeting, this question should be raised at the next luncheon on October 7 at the Gualala Hotel. This way those who usually attend lunches will be present to vote and make the decision whether to stay at the Gualala Hotel or return to the Redwood Grille. The proposal was accepted by the group so this question will be discussed at the next luncheon on October 7.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the group, Jack K3FIV adjourned the meeting at 1:46. PM so that we could all go eat the wonderful food cooked by Leighton and supplied by the club and all the attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Kelleher, K1GHH

ABARC Secretary-Webmaster

