



ANCHOR BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2007 1900 hrs

Bill Platt Training Center, Gualala CA

Ken Reynoldson, Dictator For Life, KE6WC, Presiding

Ken opened the meeting with the announcement that **ABARC** now has a membership of **90!** We had 51 in attendance at the meeting, not all of whom are members...yet.

Update on Club activities:

- ✓ Work on the Pt Arena & Gualala repeaters continues, with the goal of linking the 2 repeaters to broaden the 147.825 coverage area. Work should be complete by summer.

Ken asked for volunteers for a replacement Dictator.

Question from floor: What is Club doing for community service?

- ✓ Discussed possible trash collection along the highway.
- ✓ Discussed holding a Club swap meet.
- ✓ Ken reported he and Larry, K6CQE, took quite a lot of local surplus equipment to Scotia for the club picnic and got rid of a lot of it there.
- ✓ Wayne, KE6HVM, volunteered to organize an **ABARC** swap meet.

Treasurer Larry reported \$2911.52 on account plus \$125 for new membership payments.

Question from floor: What does the Club do in the event of an emergency?

- ✓ Individual HAMs do what they can do, wherever they are.
- ✓ Ken has talked with the Mendocino Sheriff about coordinating radio operators with the EOC/OES, and the Department is working on it.
- ✓ Ken noted that folks have to be PRE-registered as Disaster Service Workers (DSW)—if you were before, under Rick Paige, you **MUST** re-register. Ken is

hoping to get Leighton Nelson (South Coast VFD Captain) to swear in a group.

- ✦ Sonoma County ACS (Auxilliary Communications Service) training is being held in Santa Rosa March 5 from 1800 to 2100. A training had been scheduled to be held in Sea Ranch, but had to be cancelled. Another will hopefully be rescheduled for our area. Mendocino County residents can attend the Sonoma County training, but will only become a registered DSW in Sonoma County; they will still need to be registered in Mendo County.
- ✦ Mendocino County will need to develop a comprehensive list of DSWs (once they're all re-registered), from which to dispatch when needed; a phone tree for responders to use to contact radio operators.
- ✦ KTDE (local radio station The Tide, 100.5 FM) has asked for a J-pole and scanner to be installed at the station, so an operator can be stationed there in an emergency to relay info to DJ's for use on the air. Ken is setting that up.

Ken asked for volunteers to take over as Dictator.

**** REMINDER **** Monitor your radio on a regular basis, especially when out of cell phone range. (That means you have to actually take your radio with you...) Ken suggests monitoring our repeater 24/7, in order to pick up any emergency call. But, PLEASE do not chat or kerchunk the repeater between about 2200 and 0700 hrs, *unless* it's an emergency.

- ⇒ A handy business card sized list of coast 2 meter channels was passed out by Fred, W6WTI. If you want one, get in touch with Fred. They're great for your wallet, and they are useful to program your radio.

Question from floor: What happens when the power supply to a repeater is interrupted?

Ken explained that the repeater will begin to ID with an added code meaning EMERGENCY POWER. That's time to stay off the repeater to conserve power.

Go to simplex if possible:

north of the Gualala River use 147.570

south of the Gualala River use 147.585

You can use simplex on repeater frequency (147.825) then give your ID and be sure to say you're *on simplex*.

Thanks were given to Bob, WA6M as the keeper of the repeaters!

The need for a web site and web master was brought up. Andy, KI6ARA, offered to set up a site. If you have suggestions for content, or wish to assist in some way, email Andy at KI6ARA@ARRL.net

Ken added that the ARRL will forward email to any designated address. If the need ever arises for you to change your main email address, and you have an ARRL email address, you just have to notify them of the new forwarding address. All your contacts just keep sending to A7XYZ@ARRL.net and mail will come to your new address.

Ken requested a replacement Dictator.
Hearing no volunteers, Ken gave up and just requested a Vice Dictator.
Fred, W6WTI willingly agreed to the position.
Larry, K6CQE, continues as Treasurer.
Cathleen, KG6YLW, volunteered to serve as Secretary.

The winner of the drawing for the VERTEX VX150 was Richard, N6UFC.
Congratulations!

**** REMINDER **** ABARC breakfast club meets every Tuesday at 0900 at Oceansong Restaurant. Great time to meet, ask questions, get help with radio equipment. Come join the group when you can.

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programming your radio. Call Ken if you need help.

Ken announced EMCOMM WEST convention in Reno this May.

⇒ Mark your calendar:
Local Field Day is June 23-24.

It was agreed that the Club should meet quarterly. Next meeting is June 18, 2007.

Minutes submitted by Cathleen, KG6YLW.
Corrections or comments are welcome: cmac@mcn.org