

ABARC Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club **Minutes Oct 11, 2008**

1:00 PM at the Nelsen's home, 34020 Iverson Road, Gualala CA

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President Jack Haverty K3FIV. Approximately 20 people were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF OCT 11 MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Don KG6KLP and seconded by Lee N6MIV that the meeting agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made by Marcia KG6NHX seconded by Don KG6KLP the meeting minutes as distributed via email and posted on the ABARC web site were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcia KG6NHX reported that the club has a total of 87 paid members for 2008 and \$1,749.83 in our account. A question was raised regarding how the club funds are spent. The response was that we support the 147.825 repeater and the 146.610 repeater including paying a monthly phone bill for our auto-patch and a monthly service charge for the club web site. We recently upgraded our repeater equipment for the 147.825 Gualala repeater. Dennis KI6HHA moved and Cathleen KG6YLW seconded that we approve the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

BYLAWS ADOPTION

Dennis KI6HHA presented the proposed bylaws that were revised and discussed at the June 9th meeting. There were two subsequent minor revision proposed, to delete the word "subcommittee" and to change the title of Net Manager to Net Coordinator. The Constitution and bylaws were developed by a committee composed of Don KG6KLP, Bob AA6VS, Fred W6WTI and Dennis KI6HHA. On a motion by Don KG6KLP and seconded by Suzanne KI6DJJ, the Constitution and Bylaws as revised were adopted unanimously.

ESTABLISH A 2009 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jack K3FIV asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to develop a slate of candidates to serve as club officers for 2009. Dennis KI6HHA volunteered to serve as committee chair. Don KG6KLP volunteered to serve as did Fred W6WTI and Bob WA6M. Jack asked Dennis to set a date for the committee to meet and asked anyone else interested in serving on the committee to contact Dennis.

UPDATE ON SONOMA COUNTY ACS

Fred W6WTI gave a brief report regarding the Sonoma County Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) role and relationship with regard to an upcoming Emergency drill being conducted on the Sea Ranch. Fred W6WTI and Bob AA6VS met with Louise DeWilder of the Sea Ranch Emergency

Preparedness staff to discuss issues and communications between ACS and The Sea Ranch. Louise Dewilder is formally requesting ACS assistance for the Silver Sentinel Exercise from Christopher Helgren of County DES. She expects the communications focus to be within the TSR plan (using FRS and commercial UHF radios). She does not expect radio traffic to be directed to the County EOC this time. Jack K3FIV also made comments concerning CLSD (Coast Life Support District) and its need for emergency communications assistance during a disaster. There was a brief discussion, but in the interest of time it was proposed that we revisit this topic at our next meeting to better define the roles of the various entities.

REPEATER STATUS REPORT

Bob WA6M, the technical support person for our club repeaters announced that new Kenwood TKR-750 radios were installed for the 147.825 repeater along with some new cables. After some initial difficulty, the repeater is now operating properly. There was a question about the Point Arena 146.610 repeater and interference with the Garberville 146.610 repeater even though the Pt Arena has a PL of 88.5 while Laytonville has a PL of 103.5. Bob WA6M indicated that Ken KE6WC requested that we investigate a new frequency prior to purchasing new radio equipment for Pt Arena to eliminate the interference. Our new frequency in Pt Arena should also have a PL of 103.5 to be consistent with repeaters in Mendocino County. We should work with NARCC (Northern Amateur Relay Council of California) to try and obtain a different coordinated VHF frequency pair for this repeater next year when we replace our present equipment.

GUALALA RIVER RUN

Cathleen KG6YLW asked anyone who was interested in helping with the Gualala River Run on October 18 to contact her.

NEXT ABARC MEETING

Jack K3FIV asked the group when they wanted to schedule our next meeting. In the past we have met during December and combined a meeting with a holiday party. After brief discussion it was decided that due to poor attendance since everyone is so busy during the holidays that we hold our next quarterly meeting on Saturday January 12, 2009 at the Platt Center. Dennis KI6HHA will contact Terry Bold to check availability and reserve the room if possible. The alternate date selected is January 25 in the event that January 12 is not available. Dennis KI6HHA will let everyone know as soon as the date is confirmed via email and post in our the club web site which he urged all members to visit. The web address is www.abarc.net. **(Jan 12, 2009 7-9PM Now Confirmed for next meeting date by CLSD on 10/14/08.)**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Jack K3FIV adjourned the meeting at 1:50 PM when our host announced that the food for our BBQ was ready to eat.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Kelleher, KI6HHA
ABARC Secretary-Webmaster