

ABARC Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 815, Gualala CA 95445 <http://www.abarc.net>
Minutes Sept 12, 2009 1:00 PM
34020 Iverson Road, Gualala, CA 95445

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:15 PM by President Jack Haverty K3FIV. Approximately 25 people were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone in attendance introduced himself/herself with name and call sign.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

As a small token of the club's appreciation to Alice WA6EXM and Leighton KG6FPP Nelsen for allowing us to hold the club BBQ at their home, Marcia KG6NHX, club treasurer, presented them with a gift certificate for dinner for two at the Nelsen's favorite local restaurant.

APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Don K3DH and seconded by Fred W6WTI that the meeting minutes of May 18, 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 97 members who have paid dues for 2009. The total funds in our account is **\$2,565.04.**

ESTABLISH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jack K3FIV asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of candidates for election as ABARC officers for 2010. Dennis KI6HHA volunteered to serve on the nominating committee again as chair. Marcia KG6NHX and Fred W6WTI also volunteered to serve as members on the committee. Any other club members who would like to serve on the nominating committee are asked to contact Dennis KI6HHA. The nominating committee will present the slate of candidates to the January meeting for consideration by the entire club membership for possible election as 2010 officers.

SONOMA COUNTY REPORT

Fred W6WTI Sonoma County coast unit leader discussed the need for more training of our members. He indicated there are presently 3 persons who would like to attend ACS (Auxiliary Communication Service) training, but that due to resource constraints training opportunities have been limited. Though ACS won't accept ARES training, we might consider these online training modules available through ARRL as an option.

MENDOCINO COUNTY REPORT

Ken KE6WC, the Mendocino County coast unit leader and Janie KI6CHA reported that McARCS (Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service) is planning to hold a meeting to clarify organization roles. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 17, 2009** at the Round Table restaurant in Ukiah and will commence at approximately 5:30 PM. For more information contact John Lemmer W6FQX. Jack K3FIV also reminded members that our 147.825 repeater does have an auto patch and suggested people try using it to be sure they know how to operate it in case of emergency. Ken KE6WC briefly reviewed the procedures to use the auto patch. Members were

reminded that they must access the 147.825 repeater directly in order to use the auto patch. The auto patch cannot be accessed using the 146.610 link.

REPEATER STATUS REPORT

In the absence of Bob WA6M, our club repeater technician, Fred, W6WTI reported that the link between the Pt Reyes Repeater and the Sea Ranch Repeater on 147.945 is now repaired so that the coast can again access the Sonoma Mountain Repeater Society System which enables us to communicate directly with the Petaluma and Santa Rosa area on up to Mendocino and Humboldt County. The repair was complicated by the fact that both the Sea Ranch and the Pt Reyes machines had malfunctions simultaneously which increased the difficulty in diagnosing the link problem. Ken KE6WC reported that the 147.825 and 146.610 repeaters and connecting link are currently operating properly. Lee N6MIV reported that the CARLA (California Amateur Radio Linking Association) repeater on 443.075 will be changing systems in the near future which should enable users to communicate from Pt Arena to San Francisco and beyond.

ELMER REPORT

Fred W6WTI reported that the meeting held on Wednesday afternoon August 19 was well attended by 16 people. Because of the best Elmer activity attendance, Fred reported that he will be holding these sessions during the day on a quarterly basis. He is currently attempting to confirm a date and location for the next Elmer activity in late October or early November. The topic will be Winlink 2000 and the presenter will be Ken N6KM. When the date, time and place are confirmed, Dennis KI6HHA will send out an announcement email to all members and post the information on the club web site.

COMMUNICATIONS VAN FUTURE STATUS

Don K3DH announced that the subcommittee composed of Bob, WA6M, Jim KG6PTX, Ken KE6WC and himself met and removed all the usable radio equipment from the Communications Van which was then returned to Leighton KG6FPP and the South Coast Fire District.

CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT

Activities Manager Ken, KE6WC reported that the Gualala River Run is coming up on Saturday October 17 and that we need some additional amateur radio operator volunteers to help out. Any volunteers who are able to help out should contact Ken ke6wc@arrl.net. Ken also reminded members of the upcoming California QSO party on Oct 6 & 7 and that Mendocino County is a much sought after contact. He encouraged members who are able to participate on HF to do so.

PRESENTATION OF THE ARRL FOR CERTIFICATE FOR BECOMING AN AFFILIATED CLUB

Fred W6WTI presented club President Jack K3FIV with the ARRL affiliated club certificate received from the American Radio Relay League in recognition of ABARC becoming an ARRL affiliated club. Jack read the certificate to the membership. The certificate will be displayed at the ABARC club house and posted on our club web site.

NEXT ABARC MEETING

Jack K3FIV proposed that our next club meeting be held on **MONDAY JANUARY 18, 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 send out an email and post the date on the website when it is confirmed. er.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dennis KI6HHA, seconded by Marcia KG6NHX that we adjourn the meeting. Jack K3FIV adjourned the meeting at 2:03 PM.

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