



ANCHOR BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Annual Election Meeting

February 11, 2008 7:30 PM

Platt Training Center

Gualala CA

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Ken Reynoldson (KE6WC). 30 people were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ken introduced Dennis Kelleher (KI6HHA), chair of the nominating committee who presented the slate of candidates and distributed ballots. Nominations from the floor were opened, but no one volunteered to be placed on the ballot for any office. There being only one name for each office, a motion was made by Larry K6CQE and seconded by Donna KG6TOI to approve the slate of candidates and elect each person to the recommended office. The motion was passed unanimously.

ABARC OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2008 WERE:

Jack Haverty (K3FIV) President; Fred Leif (W6WTI) Vice President; Dennis Kelleher (KI6HHA) Secretary; Marcia Heimburger (KG6NHx) Treasurer; Ken Reynoldson (KE6WC) Activities Manager. The newly elected officers were congratulated and thanked for their willingness to serve.

Ken Reynoldson KE6WC outgoing president and Larry Guadet K6CQE outgoing treasurer were both presented with plaques commemorating their dedicated service to the club. President Haverty presided at the remainder of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF 9/15/07 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ken KE6WC seconded by Bob WA6M to approve the minutes as posted on the ABARC web site. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcia KG6NHX reported that the club has \$2540.21 in our account. She also reported that 51 people had paid dues for 2008 and asked for anyone who has not paid to please do so as soon as possible. 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. Don KG6KLP distributed the written auto patch procedure to all members present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Fred W6WTI reported that the issue regarding the DMV HAM plate Call sign issue has been resolved. An email to members was previously sent to club members that provided a DMV contact for any HAMS who needed to issue new HAM plates to remove any space placed by DMV within the call sign on the license plate.

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT

Ken, Mendocino County Emergency Coordinator had no report. Janie, KI6CHA announced that Mendocino County was in the process of establishing a County wide net on Wednesdays at 7:30 which calls each county Community alphabetically asking for number of persons who checked in on the various local nets. HAMS from the South Coast area are encouraged to try to check in to the Hopland repeater on 145.470 PL 103.5 on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. This repeater is linked to several other repeaters near Willits and Laytonville which give coverage to a large part of the County.

Fred, Sonoma County Emergency Coordinator gave a comprehensive report concerning the Sonoma County ACS (Auxiliary Communication Service), its role and function. HAMS from both counties are encouraged to cross register so they are covered as disaster service workers by workers comp insurance in the event they become involved in providing emergency services during a disaster.

A lengthy discussion followed based on Fred's report outline which is reproduced below:

ACS - Sonoma County

Why?

*Provides Communications support to government agencies in time of disaster.
Communications is always a problem during Disasters.*

How Do I Join ?

*Take a Level I training Class and submit your application
Participate in nets and exercises*

What do you get?

*An ACS ID Card
Workers Compensation Coverage IF we are activated*

How is Sonoma ACS Organized?

*It is under Sonoma County DES
Radio Officer & immediate support people (the admin unit)
Six geographical 'Units'*

*Central County (Santa Rosa)
Coast (Fort Ross to Gualala River)
North County (Cloverdale/Healdsburg)
Russian River (Guerneville to Jenner)
Sonoma Valley (Sonoma area)
South County (Petaluma/Sebastapol)*

Each Unit has a UL and AULS

Who are our clients?

*Typically Units support City EOCs in their areas.
We are a LITTLE different - we have no incorporated cities ... but we have a number of State, Regional, and County staff on the Coast who will be here, with us, when "IT" happens*

Additional Training ?

The County provides Level I and Level II training. But usually these are offered in Santa Rosa. Most units have 'Face to Face Meetings' where emergency radio communication is discussed

We're planning additional opportunities to supplement our weekly nets. Perhaps once per quarter. To go over such items as:

- Using emergency power (other than AA s and rechargables)*
- Effective portage antennas*
- Handy items for your 'GO' kit*
- Location and operation of ACS purchased radios (North Fire Station)*
- Message Handling (just checking in on the net isn't practice)*
- Net Control Operator - why we should all take our turn.*
- Who are our clients, what do they need?*
- Ideas for not creating a burden on our clients*

WHEN SHOULD WE HOLD THESE SESSIONS?

Weekdays or Weekends

What is the County Talking about doing? (You go to those quarterly meetings - what do they talk about)

- Improving relationships with City clients*
- Having effective radio stations at all city EOCs and the County EOC*
- Quarterly EOC Exercises*
- Support to Hospitals*
- Operator Training (especially NCS and Traffic)*
- Unit 'round table' - e.g. South County is doing APRS and is developing ATV in Rohnert Park.*

Mutual Aid ?

- The most effective way to help our neighbors is to cross register.*
- If adjacent areas have needs, ACS will contact the UL or AULs and request assistance.*

The HF Net - What's happening

- Our net manager gave it up in early December.*
- In January I started it up again*
- NOV DEC JAN FEB 1960 KHz*
- 1930 hrs local on Tuesdays*
- March through October - back to 75 Meters - FREQ ??*
- 1930 hrs local on Tuesdays*
- If you're not receiving the Email lists, and want to ... please see me.*

As we set up meetings, they will be open to all coast hams ... the more of us who know the basics of emergency communications, and feel competent about doing it, the better. Hopefully this will encourage more of us to register with Sonoma County ACS.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee, composed of Andy KI6ARA, Don KG6 KLP, Bob AA6VS, Fred W6WTI and Dennis KI6HHA discovered that the club bylaws and constitution has not been updated since 1989 and should be revised. Volunteers to help the nominating committee revise the bylaw and constitution were requested. No additional people volunteered, so the nominating committee will make recommendations for revisions to the bylaws and constitution and bring them back to the next meeting for the membership to review and approve.

A lengthy discussion regarding possible future club direction and activities ensued. President Haverty suggested that we develop a survey to distribute to the members to solicit input. Dennis KI6HHA, Fred W6WTI and Jack K3FIV agreed to develop the survey, place it on the club web site and send it out via email to all club members.

A list of important issues raised during the discussion about future club direction was written on the Board by President Jack K3FIV:

- Technical
- Membership
- Assets, including communications van, repeater
- Emergency Procedures

Communication
Training
Mentors
Energy Capabilities
Field Day
Other Activities

OTHER ITEMS AS INTRODUCED

Janie KI6CHA distributed a handout regarding a project called “Adopt a Platoon” and made a brief presentation. She sent around a sign-up sheet for members who are interested in participating. Anyone who has questions is encouraged to contact her.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Our next meeting will be **MONDAY MAY 19 at 7:30 PM at the PLATT TRAINING CENTER IN GUALALA.**

The club will also hold a Field Day Activity on the third full weekend Friday, Saturday and Sunday June, 20, 21 and 22 at the Platt Training Center. More information will follow on this planned club activity.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by President Jack K3HIV on a motion made by Ken KE6WC and Seconded by Dennis KI6HHA. For anyone interested, Ken KE6WC showed a DVD about DXing which ran approximately 60 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Kelleher, KI6HHA
ABARC Secretary

Corrections or comments welcome. Please email Dennis at KI6HHA@arrl.net