

Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2007 1900 hrs
Bill Platt Training Center, Gualala CA

Ken Reynoldson, Dictator For Life, KE6WC, Presiding

There were 30 names signed in, all but one are ABARC members.

Update on Club activities:

The efforts to link the Pt Arena & Gualala repeaters in order to broaden the 147.825 coverage area is nearing completion. Bob, WA6M, obtained a couple Motorola radios as a part of the necessary equipment.

Field Day, 2007 (an annual exercise to train operators under portable power and/or emergency conditions) was canceled mostly due to lack of available participants, and some scheduling issues with the Pt. Arena lighthouse which we've used in the past. Lee Reading, N6MIV, offered his place for use as a Field Day site if needed.

The Communications Van, used for mobile com support during an emergency or public events, is currently stored at the Anchor Bay fire station. The Honda generator that had been stored with it has been stolen. The van is not getting a lot of use. The club needs volunteers to get it started up and running once in a while to keep the battery charged, and the van up to snuff. Contact Ken.

Participation sounded more promising for this year's annual picnic. Mark your calendar for September 15, 2007 at 3pm. The picnic will be at Leighton & Alice Nelsen's place up on the Ridge. The Club supplies meat to BBQ. Members need to bring sides, drinks and desserts.

Treasurer Larry reported \$2982.68 on account.

Ken asked, "Anyone wanna be Dictator?" (Ken's life is changing...he bought a boat.) (No takers.)

The Raffle drawing was held, and the winner was the ONE nonmember present: Phil Crosby. He was the delighted recipient of a Yaesu FT2800M! He promised not to operate until he's fully fledged and licensed as a HAM!

Dennis, KI6HHA is keeper of The List of Club members, their license status, and some other qualifications. He comes in all the way from LAKE ALMANOR! He'll drive back AGAIN on Sunday for the license class and exam!

Fred, W6WTI announced Sonoma County ACS Level 1 training on Bastille Day (July 14, 2007) at the Olson Ranch Center in Sea Ranch from 9 to Noon. It's OK to arrive early! Please contact Gene (N6OFR) or Bob (KG6KLR) to sign up. Mendocino County residents CAN train and register. If registered, and one is called up by a governmental agency to participate in emergency communications support work, one is covered by that

agency's worker's comp insurance. ACS supports local governments in emergency, oriented in SIMS or ICS. Being registered includes allowing a background check.

Ken is going to Carmel next week for multi-day training on the Emergency Communication Response Vehicle, for the Red Cross.

Janie, KI6CHA reported that July 14th (remember, that's Bastille Day) is also when the Albion VFD holds a fun day for all, from 2-6pm. Ken explained that Janie acts as a relay station in Albion, and STARTED the radio club up there.

Janie declined an offer of the Dictator position.

Jack, K3FIV who is also a director on the CLSD Board, brought up that agency's need for more information on what ABARC can supply for emergency communication, and how to initiate that support. A long discussion ensued. Fred mentioned again the ACS structure and its relationship to government agencies, such as CLSD. Bob brought up the overall lack of a coastal emergency plan. He explained that probably an emergency net will start and Net Control will assign people where to go. But we don't have protocol that written down. If a repeater is down for any reason GO TO SIMPLEX: 147.825.

Ken reminds, once again, LEARN TO PROGRAM YOUR RADIO. In a disaster, repeaters will be pretty much useless, overused, or just out of commission. Learn how to go to simplex. Learn how to change frequencies.

Jack pointed out that CLSD has approx. \$3000 budgeted for medical caches, but they have no clue about what to put out there for radio communications-they might be able to budget for that. Lee says 2 meter communication is the basic need. Suggested it may be time to run another drill, as there is ZERO structure for Mendocino Co disaster response. Jack summarized that since CLSD spans the region, they seem to be the logical entity to develop that structure. Lee and Fred will work with Jack on the subject of structure, equipment needs, budget suggestions, etc.

Ken has talked to Sheriff in Mendocino Co asking for OES cooperation, sign up operators, etc., and has no response or follow-through from the Sheriff's office.

Donna, KG6TOI asked if a letter-writing campaign to the Board of Supervisors would be a good idea. Most folks felt that wouldn't generate a lot of results, but it wouldn't hurt. Letters should be copied to Sheriff Allman. Maybe copy Bill Woodworth, the county's Director of OES.

Volunteers needed for Net Control. Contact Ken.

**** 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.

**** REMINDER **** PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE programming your radio. Call Ken if you need help.

Next meeting is our picnic (see previous item) September 15, 2007, 3pm at the Nelsen place.

Minutes submitted by Cathleen, KG6YLW.

Corrections or comments are welcome: cmac@mcn.org