

MINUTES

Quarterly meeting of the Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club (ABARC)
Monday July 18, 2011, 7:30 pm
Bill Platt Training Center at Coast Life Support District offices,
38901 Ocean Drive, Gualala, CA 95445

- **Call to order, agenda approval and attendance (Art KI6VEV)**
17 MEMBERS PRESENT INCLUDING 3 OFFICERS (SUZANNE KI6DJJ NOT PRESENT)
NO CHANGE TO PROPOSED AGENDA
M DONNA, KG6TOI S DENNIS KI6HHA, UNAN
- **Approval of April 18, 2011 meeting minutes (Cathleen W8CAT)**
M DENNIS KI6HHA, S FRED W6WTI, UNAN
- **Treasurer's report (David K6DWR)**
REVIEWED REPORT SUBMITTED BY TREASURER SUZANNE KI6DJJ
**DAVID COMMENTED ON MEMBERSHIP COUNT OF 46—CONCERNED ABOUT FORMER MEMBERS NOT BEING REMINDED TO RE-UP. COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S, ~25 MEMBERS THAT SHOULD BE SIGNED UP. PLANNED TO RECRUIT
M DENNIS, S JAN K1JRW, UNAN
- **Reports from other officers NONE**
- **Report on emergency/support activities**
 - **Mendocino Co. Hospital Preparedness Plan drill on May 19 (Fred W6WTI)**
TRAFFIC-INTENSIVE EXERCISE; GOOD PREP WORK; SOME PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS FOR TRAFFIC HANDLING EXPERIENCE; NEVER SAW AGENCY'S SELF-REPORT
HAD 6 PEOPLE FROM THE 2 LOCATIONS; LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE DESENSE PROBLEM AT CLSD; LISTENING ON INPUT AT CLSD
RECEIVED RCMS OK.
 - **Coast Life Support District Communications Drill on April 20 (Fred W6WTI)**
ABARC INITIATED; HAD 21 OPERATORS; IN 14 LOCATIONS; 9 WERE REGISTERED WITH SON CO ACS;
EXERCISE TESTED REPEATER SYSTEM TO GET TRAFFIC TO UKIAH AND FOR OPERATORS TO TEST SKILLS; SONOMA MT REPEATER SYSTEM DIDN'T WORK OUT TOO WELL; MENDO CTY WIDE "STERLING" & MEYERS GRADE K6ACS WORKED WELL; .825 LINK TO .610 NOT GREAT; SHIFTED REPEATERS ON A SET SCHEDULE SO OPERATORS HAD AN EASY TIME KNOWING WHERE TO LISTEN; CLIENT REALLY APPRECIATED
NEED MORE TIME PRACTICING WORKING ON A LINKED SYSTEM;

MORE TIME ON TRAFFIC AND ON HOW NETS WORK

- Wine Country Century 5/7 report (Cathleen W8CAT)
RODE AGAIN WITH HEAD GUY FROM AMR; WASN'T NEEDED MUCH FOR COMMUNICATIONS SINCE THEIR SYSTEM WORKED VERY WELL IN THE EVENT SETTING; ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO SIGN UP AND PARTICIPATE; A LOT OF FUN AND VERY GOOD EXPERIENCE.
- **Elmer session report (Fred W6WTI)**
ART ONLY ONE IN ATTENDANCE AT LAST SESSION; LEARNED A LOT, BUT DISAPPOINTED IN TURN OUT; DAVID POINTED OUT THAT WAS THE TIME LUNCH GOT CANCELLED SO ATTENDANCE WAS LOW
FRED HAS BEEN GETTING THE SOUTH-END HAMS (TIMBER COVE AREA) TOGETHER ONCE/MO TO WORK ON EQUIPMENT AND SO ON; GOOD TO DO HANDS-ON IN ELMER FORMAT AND TO DO SOME QUICK SERVICE
KEN N6KM WANTS TO COME OUT FOR DIGITAL HF PRESENTATION BUT CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE LOW TURNOUT
DISCUSSED OVERALL INTEREST IN THE CLUB OF THE DIGITAL MODES; FRED WILL CANCEL WITH KEN FOR 8/18 FOR NOW; DISCUSSION ABOUT NEED OR PURPOSE FOR FLDIGI.
- **Activities report (Ken KE6WC, etc.)**
 - Field Day & Point Arena Parade results
 - ~ NO FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES; NO ONE CAME TO HIS LOCATION
 - ~ ABARC WAS NOT ASKED TO PARTICIPATE FOR THE PARADE; BUNCH OF FOLKS CAME WITH RADIOS BUT THERE WAS NO REQUEST FOR HELP DURING THE EVENT
 - ~ SCOTT AF6MQ OPERATING AT PT ARENA LIGHTHOUSE ON LIGHTHOUSE DAY AUGUST 20; OPEN FOR OTHERS TO OPERATE TOO; DAVID WILL PUT ON THE ABARC WEBSITE
 - McARCS request for joint meet/meal time
DAVID REVIEWED NOTES FROM JOHN W6FQX REGARDING POSSIBILITIES FOR THE MEETING; DATE, PLACE AND TIME UP TO US; WILL INVITE TO OUR MEETING/BBQ (SEE SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM)
 - Upcoming opportunities (also available on ABARC website):
BRIEF DISCUSSION...
Mendocino Rally (August 6)
Harvest Ride (September 4)
Gualala River Run (October 15).
DENNIS AND LYNN WANT TO BE ON THE LIST
 - Other (NONE PRESENTED)
- **Repeater report (Bob WA6M)**
FRED: BOB WA6M GOES TO THE PA REPEATER AND WHILE THERE EVERYTHING WORKS GREAT; IF TROUBLE EXPERIENCED BY ANY USER, PLEASE NOTE THE DETAILS AND GET WORD TO BOB; NOTE WHERE IS THE BREAKDOWN DURING THE TRANSMISSION, NATURE OF THE PROBLEM, ETC.

- **Mendocino County report (Janie KI6CHA or Ken KE6WC)**
NO REPORT
- **Sonoma County report (Fred W6WTI)**
DURING SONOMA COUNTY'S FY JULY 1-JUNE 30; OUR GROUP HAD 10 PEOPLE CHECKING IN TO 30 OR MORE NETS; 6 DID 40+; GOOD PARTICIPATION; DURING THE CLSD DRILL ACS VOLUNTEERS LOGGED 24 HOURS OF OPERATOR TIME; OUR ACS VOLUNTEERS WERE ACTIVE 305 HOURS TOTAL DURING THE YEAR; COMPARED TO OTHER UNITS WE "BLOW THEM OUT OF THE WATER"
- **Net Control sign-up (David K6DWR)**
SIGN UP SHEET PASSED AND FINAL SLOTS FILLED IN; LIST IS UPDATED ON THE WEBSITE; KEN KE6WC COMMENDED PAT KI6GGI ON HAVING HER RADIO ON CONSISTENTLY (SHE CONFIRMED IT'S ON 24/7); JIM KJ6LJH NOTED THAT FROM TIMBER COVE ON SUNDAY, THEY REALLY APPRECIATED HAVING FOLKS ON .825 THAT HAD BEEN MONITORING AS THEY WERE TESTING A J-POLE.
- **Next meeting October ____, 2011, venue TBD (Art KI6VEV)**
PER LEIGHTON KG6FPP SEPT 10 IS ONLY DATE OPEN FOR HIS HOUSE; CONCERNS ABOUT NUMBER OF PEOPLE 30ish IS ABOUT RIGHT MEETING AT 1PM ARRIVING BETWEEN 12-1PM IS GOOD M DON S PAT UNAN (DAVID WILL TALK TO JOHN LEMMER TO INVITE McARCS GROUP OVER)
- Adjourn (Art KI6VEV)
ADJOURNED 8:16PM