

MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club (ABARC)
Monday, January 16, 2012; 6:00PM
Bill Platt Training Center, Coast Life Support District HQ
38901 Ocean Drive, Gualala, CA 95445

Thanks to all of the members and families that supplied food offerings for the Pot Luck that preceded the meeting.

- **Call to order, agenda and attendance (David K6DWR) at 6:50 PM.**

12 members present; all officers were present except Activities Manager Ken (KE6WC) and Secretary Cathleen (W8CAT). Donna (KG6TOI) substituted in her absence for minute notes.

No change to proposed agenda. Acceptance motion by Donna (KG6TOI) and second by Bob (WA6M). All ayes.

- **Approval of 18 July, 2011 meeting minutes** as submitted: Motion by Fred (W6WTI) and second by Jim (KG6PTX). All ayes.

- **Treasurer's report (Suzanne KI6DJJ)**

Dues received- \$865.00

Expenditures -	\$475.50
Phone-	\$221.13
Web page	<u>\$143.40</u>
Total	\$840.03

** Again, the comments from David about membership drop-outs and concern about getting in contact with former members about the club and the activities that the Club is involved with all year round and the support that is needed by the Club and the community(ies) served.

- **Reports from other officers –NONE**

- **ELMER Recap – Fred W6WTI)**

For 2011, there were four (4) Elmer sessions for the year.

Common Controls on HF radios – Actions and when to use them. S units and dB – thanks to Bob (WA6M)

Handling formal traffic (1 attendee)

Being NCS – Thanks Don (K3DH)

ABCs of emergency communications (6 attendees)

Attendance at these sessions has had its ups and downs. A request for someone else taking point on the Elmer sessions this year (2012) was voiced by Fred. He also made the recommendation of going to demand for Elmer sessions, rather than a scheduled event.

Art (KI6VEV) suggested instructive topics be considered. The art of contesting was suggested. Hosting and coordinating day time activity usage.

No change in dates was agreed upon; following the Club get together luncheons seems to work.

Look to the website for postings of meetings. A additional posting by email to members announcing meetings was suggested by Laura (KB6YKV)

- **Activity Report (Ken KE6WC absent)**

The question was posed if we need an activity coordinator since participation and club usage has declined over the past year. Ken has voiced his desire to give up the position. The call went out for someone if interested to take the post. It was mentioned that in the bylaws, that the position of Activity Coordinator is considered to be one of the officer membership.

The activities in the which the Club have been involved in the past have been: The Point Arena 4th of July Parade; River Run; CLSD Radio Drill (an Emergency response exercise); Hospital emergency response Drill in Emergency exercise. The Club was not contacted by the Point Arena parade officials to participate in 2011. Club members were signed up for but the Club never received a confirmation of need from the officials, even though they had been contacted earlier.

The Club will continue to participate in the emergency response efforts by CLSD and the County wide Hospital drills.

- **Repeater Report (Bob WA6M)**

It has been a good run for the past year except for a few “mysterious” incidents undiagnosed at present. A few possible reasons – might have been a stuck mike; or interference of unknown origin, but these are not looked upon to be a chronic problem.

Sea Ranch Repeater status is that the link is not functioning – no linked traffic is heard on scanner. A follow up test was discussed. The auto patch is discontinued at present. A possible Sea Ranch Association contact might be considered to see if they might pick up the cost to re-instate the usage.

Louise DeWilder, Director of Sea Ranch Emergency Response Team, has requested that one “ham operator” be in the Association office during times of emergency and power outages.

- **Mendocino County Report (Janie-KI6CHA or Ken-KE6WC)**
Not available for Mendocino County update.

Radio input for Mendocino County –wide Network was discussed. Jim (KG6PTX offered to talk to Jan (KI6ORO) about giving ABARC update for Mendocino County- South Coast response to County-wide Network (Wednesday evening at 7:30PM).

- **Sonoma County Report (Fred- W6WTI)**

Fred is the appointed radio ACS officer reporting the responses of the Tuesday night network, ABARC, county/ACS

ACS IDs have been issued and mailed to those Registered ACS operators whos IDs have expired. If Club members have been expecting one and have not received, please contact Fred.

The next ACS leadership meeting will be in May. The last two years were repeater test and knowledge gained was which repeaters are useful and which are marginal. This year will be a formal traffic exercise with a training component. To provide real time feedback the exercise will held in Gualala at the Bill Platt Training Center. This will be specifically designed to support the Club client- CLSD.

Registering with Sonoma ACS is important. Official training and registration is acknowledged as being inconvenient but it is a way that local government can be supported by the Club and community in an emergency. Registration benefits are: Photo DSW ID; Workman's Comp for official functions; and recognition of member's contribution to ACS. County ACS provided deep cycle batteries, HF and VHF radios and antennas at the TSR North Fire Station.

We as a Club encourage cross registration between Mendocino an Sonoma Counties. If Club members not already registered and would like to participate, please contact Fred (W6WTI) Fred has forms or members may use the on-line application. To be sworn in – a paid county official must administer the oath.

The next planned exercise is for CLSD; testing various repeater systems in Timber Cove, Manchester Point Arena and Gualala. This year will focus on traffic handling for the CLSD emergency system a two and one half to three hour test time – real time training. For the Mendocino Hospital response exercise, this training will occur in April/May time frame which include paper and over air traffic handling.

- **Net Control Sign Up (David K6DWR)**

David is requesting a three month sign up for Net Control. A sign up sheet was passed during the session. The script is on the Club Website. If interested, please contact David (K6DWR)

- **Election of 2012 Officers**

David (K6DWR) and Cathleen (W8CAT) have asked to be relieved of their present positions.

Suzanne (KI6DJJ) has agreed to continue as Treasurer

Art (KI6VEV) has agreed to accept presidential role.

Art as President nominee by Fred (W6WTI) and seconded by Marcia (KG6NHX)

Suzanne as Treasurer – David nominating and second by Clay (N6YBQ)

Ken for Activity Manager – Jim (KG6PTX) nominating and second by Clay

Secretary job description given Michael (KI6PFJ)- Art nominating and second by Bob.

Vice President – Clay volunteered to fill role/position. Accepted by membership.

Fred (W6WTI) moved to close nominations and accept by acclamation. Jim (KG6PTX) seconded. All ayes.

With the election of new officers concluded, David turned the chair over to new president, Art.

- **Schedule of next meeting**

16 April 2012 – topic of discussion – more frequency of activities

Art (KI6VEV) asked for volunteers to approach former Club members and gaining insight about why they are no longer participating. Volunteers responding: Marcia (KG6NHX) and Laura (KB6YKV).

- **Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 8:00PM by new president, Art (KI6VEV)

Submitted by: Donna Yates-Johnson (KG6TOI)

Acting as Recording Secretary

Approved by: