

Humboldt Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting - May 5th, 2020

Officers Present: President: Anthony Wiese, **KG6LHW** / Vice President: Steve Isherwood **KK6MPV** / Secretary: Ben Adams **KK6SYJ** / Treasurer: Marcy Campbell **KE6IAU** / **Position open:** R.A.I.N. Newsletter Editor / Past President: Peter Esko **W6IES**

Anthony called the meeting to order at 19:00 Local ON THE Far West Repeater Association (FWRA) System due to the COVID-19 Shelter In Place (SIP) order. Roll was called and the logbook was filled by the Secretary; a total of 27 members and/or guests attended the on-air meeting.

Health and Welfare:

- Nothing mentioned.

President's Report:

- Furthest DX QSO this month: Bob Rocha **WB6QP6**, 20m CW contact in Afghanistan!
- Most QSO's this month: Anthony W.

Secretary's Report:

- April minutes were moved for approval with corrections as noted by Steve I. and seconded by Jaye Inabnit **KE6SLS**. There were no opposing votes raised.

Treasurer's Report:

April Starting balance:	\$2466.57
	\$ 25.00 Membership dues
	\$ 250.00 TenTec Radio System Sale
	\$ 550.00 Equipment Sale from Ganer Estate
	\$ 25.00 Swap meet proceeds
	<u>(\$ 359.50) Trailer Step Purchase</u>
April ending balance:	\$2957.07

Vice President's Report:

- Reminded the club that Kevin Bayless **KK6MPT** is coordinating a group purchase of field day swag, get your item list to him soon.

EMCOMM Report:

- Covid-19 Testing site at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds.
- ON AIR DRILL May 16th @ 10am on FWRA frequencies.
- ON AIR Meeting May 21st 7pm on FWRA frequencies.
- Red Cross Drill using HF and VHF digital traffic handling with Red Cross Forms. May 30th, 8:30am on FWRA frequencies.

ARRL VEC Coordinator Report:

- ARRL VEC responded that there is not currently a system for remote testing. The ARRL digital edition has some information on digital/remote test proctoring/monitoring.
- Information to become a Volunteer Examiner is available on the ARRL website, which includes a take home test.

- VEC Testing has been paused due to COVID-19, testing will resume when a remote testing system has been established, or the SIP order ends.

Trailer Report:

- The steps are in process of being installed.
- The solar panel has been mounted on the roof of the trailer, and has been wired into the power management system to keep the battery charged and topped off.
- There was discussion of a quick deploy, mast-less, HF Antenna i.e. Ham sticks. Topic was shelved until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and we can use the trailer more.

New Business:

- COVID-19 SIP order will direct on air meetings until further notice.
- There was a motion for Howard Lang KB6NN and Steve I. to wade through the process to name Anthony W. the ARRL recognized Club Trustee, replacing Jim Armstrong, SK.
- ARRL Field Day solo operating stations: sparking an voluntary competition within the club.
- In an effort to reel in some fresh club membership and spread the word about ham radio, take a moment to identify some local clubs or groups that could benefit from amateur radio i.e. equestrian groups, mountain bike groups, 4x4 / off road clubs. The idea is to show others the joy and usefulness in amateur radio within our remote and often challenging terrain.

Old Business:

- HARC is **STILL** looking for someone to step up to the important duty of **R.A.I.N.** Newsletter Editor after Jaye set a wonderful example for the last 3 years. Come on, somebody, we know you want to do it. Just ask and your wish will be granted!

Past Event Report:

- Nothing...

Future Events:

- ARRL Field Day, **June 27th & 28th**, operate from your preferred location. See ARRL website for rules.

Miscellaneous:

- See the website for a list of Jim Armstrong's equipment for sale, proceeds to benefit his daughters.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:37 PDT.