

Humboldt Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting - October 6th, 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 29 members and/or guests attended the on-air meeting.

Health and Welfare:

- Nothing mentioned.

President's Report:

- Furthest DX QSO this month: Matthew Renner **KN6CEI**, to New Zealand, Digital on 17m!
- Most QSO's this month: Matt R. with 12 contacts last month.
- Met a ham working Earth Moon Earth (EME) on Clam Beach, using a 500W amp, and Yagi's at moon rise, the first contact was in Central Russia, how's that for one hop!
- Matt R. and Anthony W. participated in the Cal QSO party from their QTH's in Blue Lake, CA. They made over 350 contacts, in all states and Provinces EXCEPT Montana, and North West Territories.
- SSTV Event on ISS; see ARISS.org for more information.

Secretary's Report:

- August minutes were moved for approval as corrected by David Boyd **KN6CEH**, and seconded by Cliff VanCott **KN6CEJ**. There were no opposing votes raised.

Treasurer's Report:

June starting balance:	\$3677.31
	\$651.00 Donations to Club
	\$(197.62) Club Expenses i.e. PO Box, Website, Secretary supplies
June ending balance:	\$4130.69

Reminder* Dues were due 8-1-2020 for this coming year.

Vice President's Report:

- Steve I. will be spearheading the Wednesday evening HARC Net as NCS for this month, followed by Joyce Isherwood **KJOYCE**, then he will be looking / assigning volunteers for NCS duties.

EMCOMM Report:

- National Weather System Weather Spotting Training, online 10/8 @1500L & 1900L, & 10/14 @1900L
- Next meeting Oct. 15th, 2020 On Zoom! @ 1900L working on FL Digi suite and Ham Radio
- Look forward to a Saturday morning On-Air Exercise after our regional wildfires calm down.
- EC001 _ EmCom Certification Class by Greg Waters **KJ6OUI**.

- NBEMS net with Phil Shaver **KJ6GQW** as NCS, Friday's @ 1900L FLMSG IC Forms & Red Cross Forms on FWRA frequencies.

ARRL VEC Coordinator Report:

- General Upgrades: Wayne Shaw **K6RWS**, and Matthew R.
- VEC Testing has resumed in Fortuna ONLY at the Volunteer Fire Station. There are approximately 10 seats per testing session, in order to maintain physical distancing protocols.
- Next testing opportunity is 10-17. Check for availability.
- Jaye Inabnit **KE6SLS** has a pet project of putting an info packet together for new hams. See Jaye for more information.

Trailer Report:

- Forward Desk/writing surface, and below storage has been installed by Anthony W. and it looks great.
- A motion was proposed by Peter Esko **W6IES**, and seconded by Steve I. **KK6MPV** to purchase two identical Dual Band radios, one with a hands-free kit, and headset, one with stock. Vote was taken, no opposition heard. Motion passed.
- A motion was proposed by Larry B. **KK6EEO**, and seconded by Steve I. **KK6MPV** to sell the current dual band radio IC-2720, and 2 other single band VHF radios IC-2100, via the HARC Website Swap-meet, to offset the price of the new dual band radios. Vote was taken, no opposition heard. Motion passed.

New Business:

- HARC workshops, have been moved Online, and are to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. October workshop is on 10-15 on FL Digi. Howard Lang **KB6NN** has details.
- HARC Repeater has been moved and is functioning very well. Please use it, and make notes of signal strength, audio quality, and coverage.

Old Business:

- COVID-19 SIP order will direct on air meetings until further notice.
- 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:

- REER Part 2 at Orick, CA was called off due to local wildfires.

Future Events:

- None at this time.

Miscellaneous:

- Flashy New HARC Vests available \$12 each, See Anthony.
- See the HARC Website for our new online swap meet.
- See the website for a list of Jim Armstrong's equipment for sale, proceeds to benefit his daughters.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:08 PDT.