

Humboldt Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting – February 2, 2021

Officers Present: President: Anthony Wiese, **KG6LHW** / Vice President: Ben Adams **KK6SYJ** / Secretary: Sherry Lisby **KM6YRQ** / Treasurer: Marcy Campbell **KE6IAU** / **Position open:** R.A.I.N. Newsletter Editor / Past President: Peter Esko **W6IES**

Vice President Ben Adams **KK6SYJ** chaired this month's meeting and called the meeting to order at 19:01 local time on the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club repeater due to the COVID-19 Shelter In Place (SIP) order. Roll was collected via an email to the Secretary, and the Secretary filled the logbook; a total of 22 members and/or guests attended the on-air meeting.

Health and Welfare:

- Nothing reported.

President's Report:

- Ben **KK6SYJ** and Anthony Wiese **KG6LHW** will be alternating the chairing of the monthly business meetings.

Secretary's Report:

- January minutes were moved for approval as corrected, by Richard Kern **KN6RK**, and seconded by Howard Lang **KB6NN**. There were no opposing votes raised.

Treasurer's Report:

December starting balance:	\$ 2550.89
	\$ 150.00 Sale of ICOM 2720 radio to Linda Sierby
	\$ (44.00) Expenses – DMV registrations & duplicate title
December ending balance:	\$ 2656.89

VE Report:

- Dan Eaton **KB6DE** stated seven people tested up for testing in January with his HARC sponsored VE team. They were notified that there will be no in-person exams in January and odd-numbered months until further notice. Folks were encouraged to consider remote testing, and he provided them with a guide to remote testing via internet, which is now available on the HARC website. One club member tested remotely and successfully upgraded from Technician to General. Tester stated it was easy to do and cost \$14. Information on testing out of state via computer is on the HARC website. Daniel Martin **AG6JW** may be conducting in-person testing in Fortuna in even-numbered months. Contact information is on the ARRL site.

EMCOMM Report:

- Peter Esko **W6IES** advised the next meeting will be on 02/18/21 at 19:00 on FWRA to discuss the next exercise and determine roles during the exercise.
- Next exercise will be on Saturday, 02/20/21 at 10:00 am starting on the FWRA.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in or at least listen to the MBEMS Red Cross nets held every other Monday night at 20:00 on the HARC repeater; last meeting held 02/01/21, next meeting 02/15/21.

Workshops:

- Howard **KB6NN** stated the 01/19/21 meeting was cancelled.
- 02/16/21 – Greg Waters **KJ6OUI** will give a presentation via Zoom, details will be sent out closer to the date.
- 03/16/21 – No workshop is scheduled, members are instead encouraged to participate in the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo on March 13 and 14.
- 04/20/21 – Anthony **KG6LHW** will do a presentation, more details later
- May through November – nothing scheduled yet for remaining months, suggestions welcome
- December 2021 – No workshop will be scheduled

Tube Contests:

- Furthest DX QSO this month: Matthew Renner **KN6CEI** on phone SSB 17 m to Japan!
- Most QSOs this month: Matthew **KN6CEI** with approximately 100 contacts!

Trailer Report:

- Anthony **KG6LHW** advised he, Marcy Campbell **KE6IAU** & Howard **KB6NN** have been working on registration of trailers
- Com trailer – replacement registration is coming in mail.
- Tower trailer – Title never switched from RMI to HARC, working on getting that completed
- Anthony **KG6LHW** advised he used com trailer for Winter Field Day.
 - Used 80 m dipole about 25 feet up, hit WINLINK node in Reno on 5 watts to send email.
 - Bought Mr. Buddy propane heater for \$90, worked perfect. Offered to sell it to the Club for the trailer. Peter **W6IES** motioned to purchase it, Howard **KB6NN** seconded the motion. No objections. Anthony **KG6LHW** to send receipt to Marcy **KE6IAU**.
 - Suggested getting an automatic matchbox unit in trailer, would be approximate \$100-\$120, wants to have a discussion on this at some point.
 - Bob Colburn **KA6ULG** agreed automatic would be better to protect equipment. Ben **KK6SYJ** stated some automatic tuners have a bypass function.

Website Report:

- David Boyd **KN6CEH** stated he was the club member who had moved from Technician to General. He took the test at around 18:00 local time, and ARRL had his new class listed by noon the next day.
- Requests a few days' notice if possible for calendar items to be added to the website.
- Anthony **KG6LHW** advised the daughter of SK Kenneth Johnson **WA6RTP** from Eureka has contacted the club to advise they have a lot of ham gear available. The list of equipment will be added to the virtual swap meet on the HARC website soon. There are currently no prices set, as the family is doing research on pricing.

HARC Net Control Report:

- Steve Isherwood **KK6MPV** reported Marcy **KE6IAU** will be net control in March.

Rainbow Ridge:

- Anthony **KG6LHW** advised Jaye Inabnit **KE6SLS** is not done with research yet on Motorola & building digipeater. Don **WA6NBG** is looking into controllers. He will put old repeater up on temporary basis, will pay for controller and install it.
- Don **WA6NBG** stated he is still doing research on controllers, shipping is high on some. Looking for controller with alarms, timers, etc.
- Peter **W6IES** reminded everyone the feed line will need to be replaced as it was cut.

Membership Coordinator:

- Anthony **KG6LHW** and Sherry Lisby **KM6YRQ** are discussing a membership coordinator position to handle new applications and outreach to new licensees. Other club business has taken priority, but this is on the agenda.
- David **KN6CEH** would really like to have someone in this position. Advised applications were going to an inactive mailbox and some potential new members may not have been contacted. He linked it to his email address for now. Anthony **KG6LHW** advised he will work with David **KN6CEH** on this. Ben Adams **KK6SYJ** also recommended having a second Board member copied on application emails in case one member is out of town or otherwise disposed.

Past Events:

- Winter Field Day: Anthony **KG6LHW** reported at least four other club members participated including Ben **KK6SYJ**, Matthew **KN6CEI**, David **KN6CEH**, and Cliff VanCott **KN6CEJ**. The full report is still being compiled and will be presented later.
- Anthony **KG6LHW** worked 22 bands and modes including 1.25 meter from the communications trailer.
- Ben **KK6SYJ** worked in the snow with a 35 ft mast.
- Matthew **KN6CEI** was at home indoors and worked a few new states on phone. He made contact with Scott Davis **N3FPJ**, writer of logging programs, on the other side of the country. (His website if you're interested and don't know about his programs: <http://www.n3fjp.com/index.html>).
- David **KN6CEH** advised he got a matchbox tuner, SWR meter, put up 6 m antenna, made his first HF and 6 m contacts.
- Cliff **KN6CEJ** found field day very useful for the McKinleyville CERT team. They were able to test their trailer with a 30 ft mast mounted to front of trailer and his new go-box with a pelican box and Kenwood radio. He also used a handheld with an Ed Fong roll-up antenna to talk to local hams. There were three technicians who made contacts during field day.

Future Events:

- No future events at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:05 PDT.