

## **Humboldt Amateur Radio Club**

### **Meeting Minutes – 4 January 2022**

Officers Present:    President: Ben Adams KK6SYJ  
                                 Vice President: Gene Bass K6PCS  
                                 Treasurer: Marcy Campbell KE6IAU  
                                 Secretary: Jaye Inabnit [KE6SLS](#)

HARC's NEW president [Ben Adams KK6SYJ](#) chaired this month's meeting and called the meeting to order at 7pm on the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club repeater due to the COVID-19 Shelter In Place (SIP) order. Roll was collected via an email by Sherry KM6YRQ, our former secretary, and she she filled the logbook; a total of 28 members and/or guests attended the on-air meeting.

Ben kk6syj then introduced our new Vice President, Gene Bass K6PCS. Gene asked that any members with ideas or concerns for the club to contact him. He plans to increase our club's finances during his tenure.

Ben kk6syj then introduced HARC's new secretary, Jaye ke6sls. I introduced myself and happy to be of service. My last tenure as secretary was in 1996.

Sherry KM6YRQ handled the **Secretary's report** and thanked the members for their support during her tenure this past year. She called for updates to the minutes, there was none. David kn6ceh made the motion to except the minutes, and Matthew kn6cei 2nd. Motion was passed.

Marcy KE6IAU gave our **Treasurer's report**. Marcy updated the last month's balance forward to \$2805.11. Income was \$20.00 bringing our balance to \$2825.11.

Dan kb6de gave the VE Report, with nothing to report for December and next testing in Fortuna in January if there are any hams wanting to test.

**Winter winlink exercise** is now in the planning thanks to David kn6ceh.

Don wa6nbg reports Winlink gateway is in the works, but there are other issues that needs his attention first.

Matthew kn6cei gave a Winlink Wednesday Net update,. He noted that many hams continued checking in during the holiday pause. He will be changing the check in format in the future and all hams are encouraged to participate. You can check out this net here: <https://humboldtwinkwednesday.net/>

Jaye ke6sls gave an NBEMS net update. The net will hold regular FLMSG & FLAMP sessions each net for operator skill building. Turn out has been light which is limiting our exercises. Jaye also noted that many of our digital operators need nbems training to learn net discipline and gain hands on skills that could be critical during an emergency.

Ben kk6syj also thanked Jaye ke6sls for mailing out the "New Ham brochure" to the new

hams that tested in November and December.

HARC net coordinator is in flux at this moment and will be addressed later. Ben is looking for Net Control stations, especially new NCS to sign on for a month. Randy kn6nsk will also continue transmitting the ARRL audio news just prior to each HARC net on Wednesday evenings.

Workshops are open for the year. If you have ideas for presentations, please contact Ben at [kk6syj@arrl.net](mailto:kk6syj@arrl.net).

Interesting amateur radio activities for December: Randy kn6nsk mentioned the ISS Slow Scan TV (SSTV) which completed December 31st. He was impressed at how easy it was to set up and then also started decoding SSTV on HF. Jaye was able to copy all 12 images and earned an ISS SSTV Diploma. Howard kb6nn reported he built a Christmas light inverted vee which looked really cool and he made no contacts with it! David kn6ceh reported his radio wouldn't "tune up" and he and Randy kn6nsk go together and Randy was able to repair his radio!

Matthew kn6cei handled the Tube contest. Most number of contacts and furthest DX station worked. Randy did a POTA activation and worked over a hundred contacts and also won the DX award. He used an Icom 7300, Buddy pole at 100 watts during this activation.

Ben kk6syj inspected our trailers and they were in good condition at our storage area. Ben also thanked Anthony kg6lhw for all the hard work getting the com trailer up and fully useable.

Ben kk6syj is also working on finding a new public meeting location. If you have ideas, please contact Ben.

HARC website update. Seer has done a lot of work making our website more useful. Jaye reported our domain is current with active HARC members and is hosted by the same company who hosts our site, QTH.com.

No new information was available on the Rainbow repeater.

Jaye reported that Rod kg6jaz will help with setting up a DC backup battery in the HARC repeater.

Jaye contacted Ben kk6syj about hosting the Eureka fill in digipeater. Ben will work with Kevin kk6mpt to move the digi to Ben's property.

Greg kj6oui gave an AUXCOM update. The sign up link is now on the OES website so make sure to sign up.

Anthony kg6lhw planned a Saturday lunch get together at Mad River brewing. A hand full of hams showed up for some lunch and ham gabbing and braved the weather.

Gene k6pcs organized the Truckers parade which went off with little problems aside from one ham who's microphone jammed the repeater for 10 or 15 minutes. Note to portable ops, make sure if you have an external HT mic, ensure the plug is firmly installed, otherwise it can

jam the working frequency. Gene thanked all the cool hams that came and helped out.

Ben kk6syj is looking for hams that plan to work the Winter Field day. Contact him at [kk6syj@arrl.net](mailto:kk6syj@arrl.net). COVID-19 rules are still in place for shared scores—thanks kn6ceh.

David kn6cei mentioned that the Clam Beach run is coming up in February.

Jaye ke6sls reported on a new activity called YOTA. YOTA is Yards On The Air. Seems silly but the idea is sound. Helping/motivating hams to fire up their stations, especially from their own back yards. No score to keep just enjoy the contacts you make.

Ben kk6syj closed the meeting a bit past 8pm.