

## Humboldt Amateur Radio Club

### Meeting Minutes – 5 April 2022

Officers Present: President: Ben Adams KK6SYJ-  
Treasurer: Marcy Campbell KE6IAU  
Secretary: Jaye Inabnit KE6SLS

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 email. We had 23 members check in and the log was filled in accordingly by the secretary. Perhaps we can meet in person, outside, as longer and warmer evenings are upon us.

Jaye ke6sls gave the secretary's report requesting if any corrections/additions were needed. Dan kb6de made a motion to accept the minutes as posted & Ash kn6irm seconded. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Marci ke6iau gave the treasurer's report. March financial report: beginning balance was \$2,847.95, Income of \$80.00, leaving an ending balance of \$2,927.95.

Dan kb6de gave the VE report. Dan reported a ratio of six VE's to one examine! Dan welcomed aboard our newest General Class Amateur John kn6tnx from Fortuna. The next VE exam will be in Fortuna 16Apr2022 at the Fortuna fire department.

Don wa6nbg gave an update on the VHF WL2K. He's heard nothing from the county regarding a dedicated Internet connection. Thinking about moving radios to 5th floor to eliminate long coax run and remotely controlling radios from elsewhere. The current state is mostly working 144.630 VARA FM.

Matthew kn6cei gave a quick update on the Winlink Wednesday Net. Good participation and the calendar is on the website for each week's instructions.  
<https://humboldtwinlinkwednesday.net/>

Jaye ke6sls gave the final report on the NBEMS net. Due to lack of participation, Jaye folded the net in March and encourages hams to use the ORCA Digital Net to gain skills. Jaye plans to add resources for the Monday night Digital Emergency Net on our website.

Ben kk6syj requested members step up and assume NCS duties for the HARC Wednesday nets. Ben plans to be NCS for June.

Ben also announced that a new SAR net will happen at 6:30pm each week prior to the ARRL News transmission on the HARC repeater.

Next, Ben kk6syj inquired about any Interesting Radio Activities/Shack Additions. Jaye ke6sls mentioned how great the bands have been above 40 meters. Copied the worst CW beacon signal ever. Was able to copy the call and found the ham who owns it in central America. Jaye sent the ham an email to let them know how bad the signal was and the ham replied with a photo of a modified CB radio that has been operating 24/7 for over 25 years! He plans to upgrade his beacon soon with a newer radio. :)

Randy kn6nsk reported that on March 26, he participated in the CQ WPX phone contest on Table Bluff. He used two Buddie Poles and worked lots of fun DX over 10 hours.

Matthew kn6cei handled the Tube Contest. Furthest DX contact went to Randy kn6nsk into Jakarta & Matthew kn6cei into Grid OJ00. Most contacts went to Matthew with 112 QSO's.

Ben kk6syj brought up Field Day, the last full weekend of June. Woodley Island and Blue Lake Casino are being considered. Email Ben at [kk6syj@arrl.net](mailto:kk6syj@arrl.net) with your thoughts.

Ben kk6syj plans to meet outside for our May general meeting.

-SEA-PAC Online registration to open March 7th, event is June 3rd-5th in Seaside, OR.

-Kinetic Grand Championship–May 28 thru May 30 between Arcata and Ferndale.

Vaccinations required for all racers and volunteers.

-ARRL Field Day, June 25-26, Location TBD.

Ben kk6syj closed the meeting at approximately 7:54pm and released the HARC repeater to regular amateur use.