



Kaua'i Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the monthly meeting of January 6, 2014

KIUC Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 18:04 by Pres. John Montalbano. His report had nothing for action.

Attending were Dick Olsen KH6DO, Ron Crown KH6JI, Tad Miura NH7YS, Michelle Blake WH7XA, Randy Blake WH7ZI, Paul Marshall WH7ZF, Ed Pagaduan KH6EZ, John Leekley WB9SMM, Richard Etzel KH6DTV, Steve Thatcher WH6DZP, Ruth Montalbano KH7RAM, Jane Goldsmith NH7TZ, and John Montalbano KH6JMM.

Secretary reported everything up to date. Jane Goldsmith moved to accept, Ruth Montalbano seconded; passed.

Treasurer's report was deferred as he was still on his way.

Repeater report from Ron Crown; Mt. Kahili is working with strong input, and he is working on upgrading the radios. He missed a free ride due to not being notified; next opportunity is the end of January. There was a discussion on linking issues; Ron advised that he was aware, but had not been able to replicate the issue.

Activities report from Steve Thatcher; he reported that, re the siren test, the phone numbers in the EOC room had been changed, but no one had been notified. The new numbers are now known and will be included in the QRV. Discussion included a need to update the siren list, and to improve with a location map; program goals were clarified. He is working on a new Fox Hunt.

Emergency Communications report by Tad Miura; there was a committee meeting on December 13th at 17:30 at the Civic Center that focused on FLDIGI, and a report from John Leekley (WB9SMM) on his portable station. Hanalei/Haena community groups are developing plans for disaster response, and are having an event on Saturday, February 8th with an invitation to KARC to participate with a booth at Hanalei Community Center from 16:00-20:00. General agreement to have a table; Ruth to assist w/snacks; we'll have some gear set up. Tad informed us of the availability of a commercial grade table covering with graphics for \$195 plus shipping; Randy moved to purchase, Elaine seconded; passed.

Old Business; Ron Crown advised we ran out of food and drinks at the Christmas party; the club thanked Ron's family for their hospitality, and will make sure things are better next time around.

Bob Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report; for November and most of December, including annual check reconciliation through November; current balance \$2283.12. Bob advised he would not do any more contra offsets, as it is too difficult to track. He requested we do at minimum an internal audit on general principle; Ruth Maldonado offered to do the audit. Elaine moved to accept his report and recommendation; Jane Goldsmith seconded; passed.

New Business; Elaine advised of the offer of an Ameritron linear amp from Bill Miller; Elaine will initiate action to pick up receiver so KARC can auction it at a meeting. Randy presented information re Tommy Noes and the Medical Reserve Corps, which has a \$1,300 budget to train and equip MRC staff for emergency communications. Plans are to train 20 people at \$25, and spend \$800 for HTs and charger. KARC would purchase the gear on behalf of MRC, put them through new ham class, and encourage their participation in the EmCom net and other related activities. KARC would need to become a registered vendor with the State of Hawai'i, requiring a GET number and online registration. Randy moved to engage MRC in the proposed program, to pursue the necessary registrations, and when appropriate to contract with DOH to train 20 people for Tech licenses and purchase 20 handheld radios for MRC. Elaine seconded; passed. Next exam date is February 22nd.

There was a discussion of changing the venue for Field Day to Kapa'a Beach Park in conjunction with the Mayor-a-thon. There were advantages, but also concerns; consensus was that further study was necessary before committing. Randy will follow up with the County; Tad, Bob Anderson, and Randy will be the site exam/eval committee.

Meeting adjourned at 19:40.

Respectfully,

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Elaine Albertson AH6TA, Secretary