

SC4ARC GENERAL MEETING
La Honda Fire Station
September 18, 2021

Officers Present			Other Members Present	
President	Jeneen Sommers	W6NCS		
Vice-President	Bob Mitton	KM6DKE	David McIntyre	KM6DOV
Secretary	Pat O'Coffey	KJ6GMG	Mary Panton	AF6IE
Treasurer	Peter Chupity	KI6FAO	Catherine Peery	KK6UFX
Member at Large	Angelo Dragone	N6QAD	Nate Cooper	KN6LGM
Member at Large	Irma Mitton	KM6JVU		
Member at Large	Eva Knodt	KN6CZD		
PIO	Lisa Chupity	W6LSC		

Guests Present: Chris Dant, KM6KDZ, and Jeff Goshorn, KM6EPA. Both are members of the Half Moon Bay Radio Club.

1.0. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President, Jeneen Sommers, at 1010 hours.

2.0. Calendar Updates

- Pumpkin Festival in Half Moon Bay has been canceled.
- La Honda Fire will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Pumpkin Festival on October 17.
- Holiday Party: 1st Friday of December. Not sure if it will be in-person (outside or the bay) or virtual again this year. Will decide in November. Either way, there will be White Elephant exchange.

3.0. Officer Reports

- Radio Officer
 - Peter reported that the 2m project is still on track and waiting for hardware parts to arrive. Painting will happen prior to the end of the year.
 - Our Winlink computer is operational, but aging. Need to provide funding for a new computer in the next year.
 - Current on-line licensing class had 28 registered, with 20-22 attending. It is guided self-study. More information is being shared than it normally is with an in-person class.
 - We received a thank you note from someone in Saratoga who is using our winlink frequency.

4.0. Committee Reports

- **Education Committee and the Buddy Program**
 - We had a brief discussion about the value of the Buddy Program. We agreed that it has been a valuable experience. However, most of those who were being served by the Buddy Program were not in attendance at the meeting to discuss their experience. We agreed that it should continue.
- **Grant Committee and Puente Fire Resiliency Grant**

- The grant funding for the 5 mobile stations has started to arrive and some equipment has been ordered. Laptops will not arrive until November 1st. The tent is currently not in stock. The trailer and generators have not yet been ordered. We need a plan for assembling the stations and for storage of the equipment.
- **Website Committee**
 - A presentation to the Board will be made prior to the next meeting.

4.0. 2022 Elections

- Election Committee requested nominations for the 4 executive positions and 8-member at large positions. Contact Irma or Catherine if you are interested in serving on the board in one of these positions. Nominations can be made for more than one position per nominee. Nominees can submit written candidate statements that will be distributed to the club membership prior to the election.
- Timeline for the election is:
 - October 18: Last day for nominations
 - Mid-October: Meet the candidates on Zoom
 - October 20: Ballots distributed by the Secretary
 - November 20: Final ballots collected, and votes counted

5.0. Vests

- The vests have arrived. Jeneen will be putting on the individual call signs. Distribution of the vests will happen at the SET on October 9.

6 .0. SET (Simulated Emergency Test) – October 9

- The simulation is the day after a large-scale earthquake.
- The DOC will be established and both ARES and CERT teams will be activated and requested to report to the DOC.
- Southcoast CERT will be assigned to teams. Each team will have a GMRS Radio and an ARES member. They will be sent out to do damage assessment and light search and rescue in a specific area of La Honda and possibly Loma Mar and Pescadero. They will be reporting inserts to the DOC.
- South Skyline CERT will be doing neighborhood welfare checks. After the welfare checks have been completed, they will gather at Skyline Ridge Preserve to observe and assist with the mobile medical trailer. Inserts will be sent to the DOC in La Honda.
- Since many of us are both ARES and CERT, we need to decide which role we will play in the drill, or the number of volunteers checking in at the DOC may dictate our role.
- There is a GMRS Radio training class for our CERTS on September 25, 4:00 p.m. at the fire house to prepare them for how to use their radios in the SET.

7.0. Miscellaneous

- The Board approved the creation of a SC4ARES.org e-mail for the ARES Leadership.
- Peter added a google search box on our website to make it easier to find documents and presentations.
- We had a brief discussion about having a Q and A session after each meeting, giving members the opportunity to get answers for their specific issues.

7.0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1107 HOURS

8.0. Technical Session – ARES Operation

- The ARES Leadership gave presentations on the call out process, how to set up the DOC for ARES operation, protocols for the radio and the DOC, required forms, etc.