



Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

LAH Council Chambers: 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Members	Call Sign	Attendance
Dru Anderson, Co-Chair	KG6LAD	E
Eduardo Arias, Co-Chair	KM6LSX	P
Bob Anderson	KC6ZWG	E
Ben H. L. Hu, Secretary	KK6HH	P
Edwin R Jones	W7WPO	E
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	P
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	P
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Jay Sutaria	KN6JAY	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
Council/Staff		
Kavita Tankha,	Council Liaison	P
Associate Members		
Larry Carr	KE6AGJ	P
Kjell Karlsson	KD6BPP	P
Neil Katin, EC	K2LL	P
Bill Lattin	KK6PCA	P
Guests:		
Capt. Denise Gluhan	KM6IFY	P
Mauri Okamoto-Kearney	KM6LXC	P

1. ECC call to Meeting: Co-Chairs Eduardo Arias KM6LSX called the meeting to order.
 - (a) Roll Call: At 19:02 hours, Ben KK6HH took the roll call. Attendance was: 14 including 7 members, 1 Council Liaison, 4 associates, and 2 guests.
 - (b) Minutes approved: Scott N6NXI motioned to approve the minutes after he pointed out a few typos that needed to be corrected. Terry KM6LTQ seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with unanimous voice vote.
 - (c) Co-Chair Eduardo KM6LSX, on behalf of the ECC, expressed thanks to the Town for a wonderful volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Eight of the 10 ECC members were in attendance and they all enjoyed the food and wine at the venue.
2. Council Liaison Kavita Tankha: Nothing to report at this meeting.
3. Public comments from the floor:
 - (a) Terry KM6LTQ, a member of LAHCFD fire commission, attended the recent SCCFD workshop, and noted that the general opinion is that LAFCFD is doing a good job.
 - (b) Co-Chair Eduardo KM6LSX asked for an update on the Quick Reference Guide (QRG)

posted on the Town's website. Neil K2LL responded that he asked for specific directions/suggestions to be either posted on the comment sections of the QRG Google drive or send him an email so that he would be able to work on the refreshing and enhancing the current QRG.

- (c) Scott N6NXI commented that relative low Ham participation on the Monday SPECS check-in as compared with those at Mountain View and Sunnyvale. The responses from the folk at the meeting were:
 1. Need reminder on the specifics of the Monday night SPECS to participate.
 2. Make an explicit allowance for those who just want to check in and out without the need to make comments over the net.

4. New Business

- (a) Neil K2LL asked for member approval for repair or replacement of the Kenwood TM-D710A for Alternate EOC. He estimated that the repair costs might be comparable to buying a new radio, but without the built-in TNC feature. Scott N6NXI moved to buy a replacement radio for the Alternate EOC at no more than \$400, tax and shipping included. Ben KK6HH seconded the motion and all 7 members in attendance voiced their assent. The motion was approved.
- (b) Co-chair Eduardo KM6LSX asked for volunteers to plan for the Dec 3 Annual Ham Bake meeting. He got a lot of positive responses. A spreadsheet will be sent out to fill in the details for dishes/drinks.
- (c) ECC EC drills/activities/plan: Neil asked whether the folk at the meeting are interested in learning cross-band repeating and/or programming radios/others. After some discussion, he decided that he would offer an exercise/drill on how to program various HT's and asked all to bring their HT's to the next meeting in November.
- (d) Update ECC vest status: Mauri and Neil showed the new standard-conforming lime ECC vest in the meeting. After discussion, it was decided:
 1. Coordinate with CERT so the vest could be adapted for both ECC and CERT. For example, a Velcro-backed emblem could be put on the vest to display either ECC or CERT affiliation, or both.
 2. Mauri would bring 5 vests of various sizes to the November meeting for members/associates to fit and choose appropriate sizes.
- (e) Member Volunteer needed to maintained inventory spreadsheet: Jay KN6JAY volunteered to take over the job from Mauri. Mauri mentioned that Duncan would still be willing to help and offer consulting.

5. Old Business

- (a) CERT: Communications, ARK, Antenna site follow up. Capt. Gluhan KM6IFY reported these are still work in progress. The ARK building remains off-limits.
- (b) Scott N6NXI commented that radio dead spots had been studied in various locations around Town. He suggested that Ed W7WPO share at the next meeting his past studies of the subject.

6. Tech Talks:

- (a) Neil has covered the subject on item 4 (c).
- (b) Update on LA/LAH JOTA & history Museum Exhibit. nothing new for this month.

- 7. Adjourn: At 20:25, Terry KM6LTQ moved to adjourn; Andy WB6CLS second, approved.

Respectfully submitted: Ben Hu KK6HH, Secretary