



## Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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

<b>Members</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Dru Anderson, Co-Chair	KG6LAD	P
Eduardo Arias, Co-Chair	KM6LSX	P
Bob Anderson	KC6ZWG	P
Jim Heintzelman	KD6Y	A
Ben H. L. Hu, Secretary	KK6HH	P
Edwin R Jones	W7WPO	E
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	E
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	P
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
<b>Council/Staff</b>		
Kavita Tankha,	Council Liaison	P
<b>Associate Members</b>		
Robert Johnson	KG6UWZ	P
Kjell Karlsson	KD6BPP	P
Craig Miller	WA6OXK	P
Dave Stewart	KJ6JQT	P
Greg Olson	K6XM	P
Neil Katin, EC	K2LL	P
Duncan MacMillan	KI6VMY	P
<b>CERT/Guests</b>		
J Logan, LAHCFD		P
Capt. Denise Gluhan	KM6IFY	P
Marsha Hovey	KG6CYV	P

1. ECC call to Meeting: Co-Chairs Dru Anderson KG6LAD/Eduardo Arias KM6LSX.
  - (a) Roll Call: At 19:00 hours, Dru KG6LAD opened the meeting. Ben KK6HH took the roll call: Attendance: 17 including 7 members, 1 Council Liaison, 6 associates and 3 guests. Kjell KD6BPP came at 19:54 hours, increasing the attendance to 18.
  - (b) Minutes approved: There was one suggested change in the minutes. Scott N6NXI moved to approve the May minutes with the revision, Andy WB6CLS seconded, and all members present approved the revised minutes unanimously.

## 2. Council Liaison Kavita Tankha Update

- (a) ECC Co-Chairs Dru and Eduardo briefly summarized the presentation of their Annual ECC Report on May 16 to the Town Council. The handouts of the presentation had been emailed and paper copies were available at the meeting. Kavita commented that the town Council suggested, in an evacuation situation, the street names as well as zone # should be included in an announcement as most LAH residents are familiar with the names of the street, but not necessarily their zone number.

## 3. Public comments from the floor:

- (a) Capt. Denise Gluhan KM6IFY, the new CERT coordinator, was invited to the ECC meeting to introduce herself to the group. She stated that she had spent many years as a fire fighter. For personal health reasons of longtime exposure toxic materials, she had decided to retire from active fire-fighting assignment and accept the position of CERT coordinator of LAHCFD. Under J. Logan, she is in the process of setting objectives and plans for working on the Town/LAHCFD emergency preparedness and improving volunteer participation. As an example, she intends not only to recruit/train new CERT members but also to win back inactive CERT members. She mentioned that her first stint of the new job was an IC post of Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk in May 2019. In that job, she had to work with multiple authorities to resolve a parking problem that one of the ECC volunteers encountered with neighbors at post (11) of the LAH Pathways Run/Walk. She learned, after consulting all the appropriate officials and rules, the parking at the post of the LAH Pathways Run/Walk in question would not be permitted. The only exception is for the emergency fire-fighting vehicles. In the future LAH Pathways Run/Walk, there would be no parking there and the radio operators/equipment should be dropped off and picked up.
- (b) Marsha Hovey KG6CYV distributed a draft of Volunteer Guidelines containing information on DSW Photo ID, Training ID cards, as well as a procedure for reporting injuries that occur during authorized deployment or pre-approved training. A copy was provided for the City Clerk to include in the ECC log of distributed materials. She also asked for input/suggestion on how to deal with communications in case of an emergency power shut-down with duration of up to 7 days by PG&E. There was discussion of generators and other possibilities.

## 4. Old Business

- (a) Associate Dave Stewart KJ6JQT asked for volunteers from ECC to remove and re-install the ECC radio equipment for the coming move of the CERT ARK trailer, tentatively planned 6/20. Eduardo KM6LSX and Neil K2LL volunteered.
- (b) Dave also asked ECC for a team for a plan to install a new antenna at certain location/height to facilitate the radio communication between ARK and EOC as well as ARK to CERT Recon team. For the technical task, Neil volunteered to take the lead, with help from Scott N6NXI and ECC associate Bob Johnson KG6UWZ. Capt. Gluhan KM6IFY said she would handle the administrative side with help from the LAHCFD.
- (c) Dru KG6LAD indicated that amateur radio volunteers are needed for

participation and input to not only the joint Los Altos/Los Altos Hills scout 'Jamboree on the Air' but also for input to the planned History Museum special exhibition in the fall on Emergency Radio Volunteer history in the two communities. The JOTA is planned for September 27, and a ham radio team is setting up demonstrations and opportunities for scout participants. Dru is seeking additional LAH ham participation.

5. Tech Talk:

(a) Antennae and Radios:

Scott N6NXI presented a very thorough insight into the subject of HT amplifiers and the different type of antennae. He also fielded many questions from the audience relative to antenna types, and operations.

6. New Business

(a) Dru KG6LAD reported that the Planning Commission, as a general policy, asks the ECC to review any new or modified cell tower permit requests to identify any emergency equipment issues or needs that could be addressed by the permit request. The 2 current permit applications reviewed were 1) not of impact to town emergency antenna operation, and 2) neither offered opportunities for emergency radio equipment placement. Capt. Gluhan KM6IFY asked whether some reciprocal benefits for the Town could be explored in some cases. Dru noted that the town planning director is the contact for that consideration.

(b) Due to the lateness of the hour, all other items under "New Business" were deferred until the next meeting.

7. Reminders: Please check online schedules for activities in the following:

(a) LAH town events: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx>.

(b) County ARES/RACES courses & events:  
<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/aresraces.htm>

(c) CERT activities: <http://www.lahcfd.org/community-programs/public-classes>

(d) EMERGENCY ALERTS:

1. LAH: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/381/EMERGENCY-ALERTS>

2. AlertSCC: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>

(e) ECC QRG (Quick Reference Guide):

(f) SPECS Monday Night Net information: [www.Specsnet.org](http://www.Specsnet.org) Northern SCC emergency ham radio volunteer activities.

8. Adjourn: At 21:12, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Bob KC6ZWG, seconded by Eduardo KM6LSX, and approved unanimously.

***Respectfully submitted: Ben Hu KK6HH, Secretary***