



Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 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	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	P
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	P
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	P
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
Council/Staff		
<i>Kavita Tankha,</i>	<i>Council Liaison</i>	P
Associate Members		
Larry Carr	KE6AGJ	P
Kjell Karlsson	KD6BPP	P
Peter Evans	AI6VM	P
Neil Katin, EC	K2LL	P
Greg Olsen	K6XM	P
Dave Stewart	KJ6JQT	P
Bill Lattin	KK6PCA	E
CERT/Guests		
Jay Sutaria	jsutaria@gmail.com	P
Robert Johnson	KG6UWZ	P

1. Roll Call: At 1903 hours, Dru KG6LAD called the meeting to order. Ben KK6HH took the roll call: Attendance: 18 including 9 members, 1 Council Liaison, 6 associates and 2 guests. Since there were two guests in attendance, an introduction around the table was made to make guests feel at home.
2. Minutes approved: Scott N6NXI moved to approve the February 2019 minutes and Eduardo KM6LSX seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was passed with a unanimous voice vote.
3. Council Liaison Kavita Tankha reported she had reached an understanding with the Town's Council to her role as a liaison to the ECC:
 - a. To attend the regularly scheduled ECC meetings.
 - b. To assist in the ECC's objectives to advise and support the Town Council.

- c. To advise that the activities of standing committees, such as ECC, does not overburden Town's Staff.
- d. To take the input/advice from the ECC to the Town's Council.
- e. To freely express her own opinions/advices on the ECC's activities, actions and inputs to the Town Council, in order to be consistent with her duty and voting prerogative on the Town Council.

4. Public comments from the floor:

- a. Larry KE6AGJ stated he has formally retired from RECON Ham training activities. He will continue as a CERT Recon mentor and an ECC associate member. He brought in 10-12 Ham books as the proposed onset of a "LAH ham operator Lending Library" for the new and experienced operators. The books were placed in the Radio Room for access. The group thanked Larry, and co-chair Dru KG6LAD said she will ensure that a check-out/inventory process will be developed for establishment of the mini-library. Larry said he will bring additional books as he goes through his collection, which has been accumulated over many decades.
- b. Dru made a short interim report of the working group to establish synergy objectives. The group at present consists of Dru KG6LAD, Eduardo KM6LSX, Scott N6NXI, Neil K2LL, Larry KE6AGJ, and Dave KJ6JQT. The first suggestion to be implemented from the group's discussion was to re-arrange the item sequence of the monthly ECC meeting and, after initial roll, minutes, and Liaison info, start with a Tech-talk, to be followed with the ECC committee checkpoint items.

5. Tech Talks

- a. Eduardo KM6LSX, co-chair, started the Tech Session by relating his experience in setting up and using his ham radio/antenna to reach the W6LAH repeater. Terry KM6LTQ chimed in with his own experience of getting on the air after overcoming the poor location of his station, thanks to lots of help from Larry KE6AGJ. Greg K6XM talked about the difference of wave propagation between HF and VHF/UHF. The propagation of latter is very much along the line-of-sight, with additional complication of attenuation, reflection, interference and refraction over a knife edge.
- b. Scott N6NXI then leveraged off those issues to give an extensive talk about "Propagation of Radio Waves and Introduction to Repeaters". It was a wide-ranging topic and a lot of discussion as well as questions were raised and answered. The talk lasted more an hour. Detailed notes, taken by Co-chair Dru KG6LAD on the flip chart are available to the ECC membership.

6. New Business

- a. Dru asked for response/comments/feedback from the those attending as to whether they liked the new format of putting tech-talk first. She received mostly positive reaction. She commented that the revised sequence is among the first suggestions resulting from the "working group". More ideas would come.

7. ECC Activities and related:
 - a. Neil K2LL reported that **Saturday, April 13**, is the SPECS Ham Flea Market and he will send out a request for volunteers for staffing help at the Flea Market event; time slots are available from VERY early gate check-in through mid-day cleanup. He also asked all present to reserve **Saturday, May 18**, for the County drill, and he will provide more details later. Additionally, the annual LAH Pathway Run is scheduled **Saturday, May11**, and he will send out a volunteer request detail memo.
 - b. Dru KG6LAD reported that Eduardo and she are working on updating the membership/associate membership list to check for Town and DSW requirements complete, including attendance requirements for full members. Members as well as Associates, are required to complete the Live-Scan screening for the Town's DSW.
8. Reminders: Please check online schedules for activities in the following:
 - a. **In our back yard: SCC CERT Academy** March training session will be at the LAH Town Hall, beginning March 4 and continuing Mon & Wed nights, 6-9 p.m. for 3 weeks, Sat, March 23 practice drill 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
 - i. Sign-up at: <https://losaltoshillscert2019.eventbrite.com/>
 - b. LAH town events: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx>.
 - c. County ARES/RACES courses & events: <http://www.scc-ares-races.org/aresraces.htm>
 - d. CERT activities:<http://www.lahcfd.org/community-programs/public-classes>
 - e. EMERGENCY ALERTS:
 - i. LAH: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/381/EMERGENCY-ALERTS>
 - ii. AlertSCC: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>
 - f. ECC QRG (Quick Reference Guide): (Link being updated.)
 - g. SPECS information: www.Specsnet.org Northern SCC ham activities, links to ham training,
9. Adjourn: At 21:05, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Bob KC6ZWG, seconded by Ed W7WPO, and approved with no dissent.

Respectfully submitted: Ben Hu KK6HH, Secretary