



## Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Meeting was held via Google Meet Online Video Conference

<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
Ben H. L. Hu, Secretary	KK6HH	P
Edwin R Jones	W7WPO	P
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	P
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	A
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Jay Sutaria	KN6JAY	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
<b>Council/Staff</b>		
Kavita Tankha,	Council Liaison	E
<b>Associate Members</b>		
Larry Carr	KE6AGJ	P
Duncan MacMillan	KI6VMY	P
Dave Stewart	KJ6JQT	P
Neil Katin, EC	K2LL	P
<b>Guests:</b>		
Marsha Hovey	KG6CYV	P
Capt. Denise Gluhan	KM6IFY	P

1. At 19:00 hours, Dru KG6LAD, Co-Chair called the online video apps to order. Half an hour earlier, Neil K2LL was on the "Google Meet" helping the attendee for the link-up. The meeting was held via a video/audio link - "Google Meet" with all the attendants at his/her respective location.
  - (a) Roll Call: Ben KK6HH made the roll call. Attendance: 15 including 9 members, 4 associates, and 2 guests.
  - (b) Minutes of March 2020 approved: Ed W7WPO moved to approve the March Minutes, Terry KM6LTQ seconded, and 8 members voted to approve. Scott N6NXI abstained because he stated he had not read the minutes.
2. No update from the Council Liaison Kavita Tankha who was unavailable to attend.
3. EC Report Update and Activities - Neil K2LL, EC:
  - (a) Potential process under Shelter-in-Place (SIP): Neil cautioned that the earthquake activation process is still in place during SIP. Discussions focused on ensuring that all volunteers are equipped with additional Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as N95 mask, sanitizer, goggles, and, potentially, face shields. Capt. Gluhan noted that, outfitted with these PPE, no first responders of LAHCFD contracted Covid-19.

- (b) Neil proposed that the May 16 County drill be a remote “arm-chair” activation exercise. He asked for a head-count from the “chat” window at Google Meet.
4. Public comments from the floor:
- (a) Capt. Gluhan KM6IFY updated the group on project status on items she covers at her Zoom meetings.
- (b) Co-chairs Dru KG6LAD and Eduardo KM6LSX reported that their ECC report to the Town Council, scheduled for June, is deferred due to SIP. By request from the City Clerk in April, each of the committees’ chairs were asked to send her two goals for the purpose of LAH town 2020-21 Town budget:
1. ECC Goal #1: Work with the registered hams data base in the Los Altos Hills city and influence area to develop a cohesive outreach to the licensed amateur radio operators (“ham”) as well as develop outreach to those who would like to earn their FCC license for community or personal reasons.
  2. ECC Goal #2: Coordinate the training and participation activities with the Town’s Emergency Manager team guidelines to ensure common objectives relative to town emergency communications preparation in support of both the town and the LAHCFD.
- Jay, at the suggestion of Dru KG6LAD, is willing to take on the task for Goal #1 but said he needs an assistant. Ben KK6HH said he was willing to pitch in. Because the Database only has the mailing addresses of the LAH area hams, Dru asked Marsha KG6CYV to help with the sending of outreach postcards.
5. Old Business
- (a) Neil reported that most of all the decision/work is done for the new vests. However, it may have to defer to June for sizing unless the sizing charts can successfully be used.
- (b) Inventory update – deferred due to SIP.
6. New Business
- (a) Outreach to LAH-area licensed hams – Ham DB update: Ben KK6HH reported the update of Ham DB by Bill Gibbons has been completed.
- (b) Report from Dru on goals requested by the Town – Covered in 4b.
7. Tech Talk(s)
- (a) Dru did a health and welfare check of all the meeting participants. Everyone seemed to be doing well. Larry KG6AGJ mentioned his experience with “social distancing” had been difficult because people are used to interacting at close range.
8. 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:
    - i. LAH: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/381/EMERGENCY-ALERTS>
    - ii. AlertSCC: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>
  - b. SPECS Monday Night Net information: [www.specsnet.org](http://www.specsnet.org). Northern SCC emergency ham radio volunteer activities.
9. Adjourn: At 20:30 hours, Bob KC6ZWG moved to adjourn; Ed W7WPO seconded, and Ben KK6HH took a roll call with all nine members present agreed.

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