



## Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 7:00 pm

LAH Park & Recreation Building: 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            | P                 |
| Terry Kearney                 | KM6LTQ           | P                 |
| Andrew Kirk                   | WB6CLS           | P                 |
| Scott Overstreet              | N6NXI            | P                 |
| Sam Wood                      | K6MSR            | P                 |
| <b>Council/Staff</b>          |                  |                   |
| Gary Waldeck, Council Liaison | K6AIR            | P                 |
| <b>Associate Members</b>      |                  |                   |
| Larry Carr                    | KE6AGJ           | P                 |
| Ray Egan                      | W6FQY            | P                 |
| Andy Fawcett                  | KI6MAF           | P                 |
| David Gilmour                 | WQ1K             | P                 |
| Neil Katin, EC                | K2LL             | P                 |
| Greg Olsen                    | K6XM             | P                 |
| <b>CERT/Guests</b>            |                  |                   |
| Mauri Okamoto-Kearney         | KM6LXC           | P                 |
| Anne Robinson                 |                  | P                 |
| Marsha Hovey                  | KG6CYV           | P                 |
| Carl Cahill                   | KG6MOD           | P                 |
| Jim & Siren Abraham           | W6EB             | P                 |
| Christine Fawcett             | KI6UWI           | P                 |
| Christine Nguyen              | KM6VHG           | P                 |
| Eve Wood                      | W6MSR            | P                 |
| Barbara Beck                  | N6BAB            | P                 |
| Janice Carr                   | KI6PNR           | P                 |
| Cathy Arias                   |                  | P                 |
| Mae Hu                        |                  | P                 |
| Lisa Jungherr                 |                  | P                 |

1. Roll Call: At 1903 hours, Dru KG6LAD called the meeting to order. Ben KK6HH took roll call: Attendance: 30 including 9 members, 1 Council Liaison, 6 associates and 14 CERT/Guests.
2. Co-chairs Dru and Eduardo thanked the attending members, associates, and special guests for their support and contribution to the Annual ECC Ham Bake buffet that preceded the regular meeting. The team effort in organizing, executing, and contributing to the traditional holiday event is much appreciated.
3. Minutes approved: Eduardo KM6LSX and Sam K6MSR moved to approve the November minutes, and Bob KC6ZWG seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.
4. Public comments from the floor:
  - a. Terry Kearney and Mauri Okamoto-Kearney briefed all present on their 10-day volunteer work at the Camp Fire disaster of Paradise and surrounding area for Search and Rescue/Recover work. They can make a more comprehensive discussion at a future ECC meeting. They noted that Neil K2LL, as a Red Cross relief worker, was instrumental in helping many people
  - b. Dru KG6LAD recounted the latest significant fire in LAH was one a couple of weeks ago that erupted at 2:15 a.m. and was highly visible and extensive just across the valley, approximately a direct mile away. Her neighbor had called 911, then the neighbors gave a heads up to immediate neighbors with special needs, and Dru messaged the town manager via the emergency contact list. The fire destroyed the home that was engulfed. Several fire engines responded, and it was finally contained. Her point was that fire moves fast and effective "heads up" notification of a nearby event is a process worth finessing, citing the recent disastrous and fast-moving fires in Paradise, as well as earlier fires in the Napa and Shasta Lake regions.
  - c. Dru and Eduardo, on behalf of ECC, expressed their appreciation for the long-term service of Gary Waldeck K6AIR, our council liaison, whose final term on the City Council ended in December.
  - d. The January ECC meeting will be moved to Jan 8 from its regular date which happens to be Jan. 1, 2019, New Year's Day.
5. ECC Activities and related.
  - a. Council Member Gary K6AIR, Liaison, reported that an agreement between the Purissima water district and the Town would soon be finalized to enable the installation of HF antenna equipment at one of water tanks for emergency communication.
  - b. Neil K2LL, EC: LAH will be responsible for SPECS UHF and Main net for the month of January 2019. He asked anyone interested to be Net control to contact him. Several had stepped forward already.
  - c. Neil announced that Peter Evans AI6MV has qualified for county MAC.
  - d. Nixle/DSW updates: Marsha Hovey. She clarified recent announcements regarding DSW registration and said that only the DSWs of the County need to re-register starting this month. Those of us at the city level who are DSW do not need to re-register.

6. Old Business:
  - a. Neil reported that the town has approved the costs for upgrades requests for the two Yaesu repeaters and the repeaters have been submitted to Yaesu for upgrade.
7. Reminders: Please check online schedules for activities in the following:
  - a. LAH town events: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx>.
  - b. **2019** County ARES/RACES courses & events:
    - i. <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>
  - e. ECC QRG (Quick Reference Guide): <https://goo.gl/h93sye>.
  - f. SPECS organization: 2019 activities, links to ham training [www.specsnet.org](http://www.specsnet.org).
8. Adjourn.
  - a. At 19:37, the meeting was adjourned after motion was made by Bob KC6ZWG, seconded by Sam K6MSR, and approved unanimously.

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