

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

**07/07/21
via Zoom**

Attendees:

Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Howdy Goudy	KE6BEE
Don Simon	NI6A
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Rob McNicholas	K6RJM
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY

Proposed agenda:

- Review of Field Day
- Recruiting hams into karoecho
- Distribution of GMRS radios to ECK CERT groups
- Plans for the final half of 2021

Agenda topics for membership meeting:

Education and Training

- Review of Field Day, NI6A and KE6BEE
- Feedback about Field Day from members.

Outreach/Recruiting

- More ham operators are needed for each CERT area and for the EOC, both to have multiple operator/scribes in each area and to have operators available for shifts. Emergency communication will likely be needed 24hr/day for multiple days.
- Write job description for recruiting leader, let members know a volunteer is needed for the position.
- The priority should be for recruiting hams rather than FRS/GMRS operators or CERT trainees.
- We have tried recruiting local existing hams with little success.
- A possible source for recruits could be technically inclined people or CERT trainees. Not having CERT funded recently leaves a void.
- Increasing SET visibility might increase interest.

Technical

- Gifts of GMRS radio have been made to KARO-ECHO but neighborhood network FRS operators may not be interested in paying for GMRS license.
- An antenna has been donated which could be installed at Cerrito Vista Park but the antenna needs to be analyzed first to see if it is suitable for 2 meters.

Evacuation Zone numbers

- There is a link in the KE newsletter to find your new evacuation zone number.
- Would a presentation about the Zone Haven evacuation plan and the new evacuation zone numbers be useful or applicable to KE?

Board officers

- Positions of president and treasurer will be open next year.