

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

**11/06/24
via Zoom**

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Jim Marks	KN6VTY
Tom Fattaruso	AA6BY
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Don Simon	NI6A

(Marilyn Sterling observing)

Potential Board discussion items:

- Training workgroup (hiatus)
- Newsletter items
- Nov. 9 ham cram
- Officer election (nomination committee report)
- Outreach to CERT class about radio
- Onboarding/Elmering volunteer follow-up
- Training topic for Nov. meeting?
- Plan for future meetings
 - December: Officer elections
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?
- November 11, 2024 General Meeting Agenda: (tentative, subject to update and approval at beginning of meeting)

Topics discussed:

Articles Needed for Newsletter

- Officer nominations
- More volunteers needed for outreach committee
- More volunteers needed for training committee
- Suggestions for training topics needed
- ARRL SSB Sweepstakes contest

Officer elections for next year

- We should let members know that even though the current officers are willing to continue next year if no one else volunteers, the current officers would be happy to have someone different take their place.

EI Cerrito CERT training classes

- The final EI Cerrito CERT training class for the current session will be Monday Nov. 25. Tom AA6BY, who is attending the classes, will ask the instructor if KARO-ECHO members may be present for the final class to make it known we will be available in an emergency for communication.

New Ham Licensees

- A “ham-cram” technician class exam preparation session is being offered on Saturday Nov. 9.
- A prospective KE member has registered for the session and can report on the session at the membership meeting.
- Don NI6A, an ARRL registered instructor, can buy study guide books at 20% off from the ARRL for prospective licensees.
- Don points out that the Gordon West series of study Guides can be easier to read than the ARRL study guides.

Thursday net training sessions

- We will postpone the resumption of Thursday net training sessions until January.
- Frans KJ6IUV proposes a Zoom session to discuss training session ideas.

Coordination with the Fire Department

- An agreed upon procedure for how KARO-ECHO will interface our emergency communication services with the El Cerrito Fire Department has not been decided on yet but conversations are ongoing.
- It is not known whether the El Cerrito City Hall and the EOC room will even be open at the time of an emergency.
- Until the time that we do have an agreed upon procedure for communication with the Fire Department in an emergency, the service we can provide can be mutual aid for the first days of an emergency when first responders are overwhelmed.