Minutes (final) MIARC meeting 4/17/2015 9:00-10:00 AM (5/12 update)

Meeting held at the Chimacum Fire Station meeting room, 9193 Rhody Drive, to accommodate the special meeting of the MIEP-TF to be held directly afterward. Bob & Pete arrived at 8:30 to connect Pete’s equipment to the system in place so agenda notes could be seen by all.

Present: Dick Illman, Owen Mulkey, Kurt Steinbach, Pete Hubbard, Rita Kepner, Patricia Earnest & guest Bob Hamlin.

Absent: Mike Coffeen

With Mike out sick, there were no minutes to read.

No Old Business

New Business:

In response to a question by Patricia, it was stated by Dick that the MIARC owns the MI Repeater. There were no objections.( MIF had agreed to cover the $200 Insurance once the ARRL Charter for the MIARC was approved.) Per previous e-mail by Dick it was approved.

Dick suggested that we need to check the ham radios without the repeater. It was stated that after a Wednesday check-in, we would do so. TBS

It was stated that V-COM goes to 145.5 in an emergency.

We need to update our HAM only data base. It will be done by Pete who will put it in a hard copy for each MIARC member to have. Owen added that we need to know the type of capabilities of each Island Ham.

Kala Point FRS drill roll-up will be on May 10th. We may put an FRS drill in May for Island Ham Club as well as other Island Hams.

Owen will contact ARES about adding Island County to the Jefferson, Clallam & Kitsap County Wednesday check-ins via the Port Townsend Repeater & the Marrowstone Island Repeater.

Patricia reported on the possible purchase of bull horns as early warning devices for MI as mounted sirens as in PT are cost prohibitive for us. The idea was rejected.

Bob Hamlin suggested acquiring old police sirens mounted on poles with a switch lock, battery & charger which could be used for Tsunami early warning, fire, etc. Bob said they’re successfully used in Oil City at the Ho River by the tribe there. They should be about $500 each to acquire. It was stated that we need to at least test one… wail sound is most effective, said Bob. No-one volunteered to follow up with the Fire Dept or Police Dept to get further info. It’s felt that MI needs an Island wide Audio System of some kind for warning. Will someone take it on?

Meeting adjourned at 10 AM

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