

Meeting Minutes for the AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA

2 December 2006

Mesa, AZ

Meeting Called to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Chairman John Lanza (KC7IM) All board members were present with the exception of Secretary Grant Hays (WB6OTS). An attendance sheet was circulated and filled out by all attendees. At the request of the Chairman, all attendees introduced themselves in order.

Reading of the Minutes

A copy of the minutes from the 21 October meeting in Tucson were handed out at the beginning of the meeting. Copies of the minutes are available on the ARCA website at www.arca-az.org

A *Motion* was made by Clark Jones (KI7TU) to forgo the reading of the minutes and to accept them as written. *Second* by Dave Hall (N7ZPY) *Motion Carried*

Treasurer's Report

A financial report was given by Treasurer Chris Kesauer (N7PVL). A copy of the latest balance sheet was given to all in attendance along with a detailed report of ARCA's assets and liabilities. The disputed charges from the Holiday Inn in Williams were resolved in our favor.

A *Motion* was made by Clark Jones (KI7TU) to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. *Second* by Rick Aldom (W7STS) *Motion Carried*

A *Motion* was made by Dave Hall (N7ZPY) to approve reimbursing the Repeater Coordinator's Group in the amount of \$82.62 for expenses from the recent 2-meter repeater coordination effort. *Second* by Clark Jones (KI7TU). *Motion Carried.*

OFFICERS REPORTS

Chairman's Report

John Lanza (KC7IM) reported that although the Arizona Amateur Radio License Plates are approved, the state is having problems getting materials and the plates will not be available until after the first of the year. John is also trying to set up a meeting with state legislators to resolve the issue of whether ARCA will receive a portion of the \$25 annual plate fee. He also reminded clubs that ARCA dues are due by the end of December. The new rates (approved during the July ARCA meeting) are \$25 for clubs with less than 50 members, \$30 for clubs with 51-100 members, and \$35 for clubs with more than 100 members.

1st Vice Chairman's Report

1st Vice-Chairman Doug Collins (KE6JUK) stated the request for the AZ Section Hamfest has been approved by the ARRL. The hamfest will be in Williams from July 6-8; detailed planning will begin after the first of the year.

2nd Vice Chairman's Report

Lee Ilse (KD7OED) had nothing to report.

ARRL Section Manager's Report

Arizona Section Manager Tom Fagan (WB7NXH) reported that the Superstition Amateur Radio Club has agreed to be the sponsor club for Arizona to host the 2008 ARRL Southwest Division Convention in Phoenix. Rick Aldom (W7STS) has agreed to lead this effort, and will be seeking volunteers from ARCA member clubs to help with this effort. Tom also reported the FCC has recently revoked several hundred amateur tickets throughout the country because of bad addresses, and recommended that all amateurs check the CORES database to ensure that their all of their information is current (including zip code). The FCC is still considering a plan restructure all amateur licenses into only two classes, but that no action is expected on this until after a report and order is issued on the Morse Code requirement.

Frequency Coordination Report

A Frequency Coordination Report was not available. For general information, or to contact the Coordination Committee, log on to their website at www.azfreqcoord.org

OLD BUSINESS

Cliff Hauser (KD6XH) reported the frequency coordinators are trying to assess how to accommodate the new Icom D-STAR technology on Arizona repeaters. He also reported that he has been notified that there are several new repeaters going up south of the border. Since Mexico does not require a use of a PL, there is a potential for conflict with repeaters in the US. Questions or comments on either of these issues should be addressed to coordinators @ azfreqcoord.org.

NEW BUSINESS

A *Motion* was made by Chris Kesauer (N7PVL) to form an ARCA Emergency Communications Committee with Rick Aldom (W7STS) as the chair. *Second* by Tom Fagan (WB7NXH). *Motion Carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Arizona hamfest will be WestFest, hosted by the Thunderbird ARC at Glendale Community College on January 13th.

Next ARCA Meeting

Yuma Hamfest
Yuma, Arizona
February 17th, 2007

Motion to Adjourn

A *Motion* was made by Clark Jones (K17TU) to adjourn the meeting. *Second* by Rick Aldom (W7STS)
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Lee Ilse (KD7OED)
ARCA Second Vice-Chairman