

**AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
(ARCA)
MEETING MINUTES
01 December 2007
Mesa, AZ**

PLACE: Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ.

Call to Order:

Chairman Cliff Hauser (KD6XH) called the meeting to order at 11:00 All officers were present except 1st VP Doug Collins (KE6JUK). An attendance sheet was circulated and signed by those present.

Reading of the Minutes

Minutes for the 20 Sep 07 minutes were approved and together with the attendance roster will be posted the ARCA website. Ted (WA8ULG) made a motion which was seconded to read the part of the 20 Sep 07 minutes about the Ballot initiative. The Secretary read this and Ted stated this was not what was agreed upon. Ted stated Clark Jones had emailed him (Ted) that it was incorrect and Clark's email was forwarded to the Chair. No one on the Board received that email from Ted. No further action or discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Kesauer (N7PVL) distributed the Treasury Report (19 Oct 07) and Balance Sheet (19 Oct 07). Both reports were approved and accepted. Jim Pierce (W7QVW) requested Treasurer to check on the ARA payment which Chris (N7PVL) will do.

Past Chairman's Report.

Past Chair not presents.

1st Vice Chairman's Report.

Not present.

2nd Vice Chairman's Report.

Lee (KD7OED) reported nothing significant to report since last meeting as planning was on hold pending the outcome of the ballot initiative.

Section Manager's Report. Tom (WB7NXH) that ARRL activities are going well in the Arizona Section. Proceeding with action concerning obtaining partial fees from amateur radio license plate and the legislation on antenna restrictions as individuals involved with working with the Arizona State Legislature have been sick.

However, information will be published as soon as the work with the Legislature begins again. Tom also stated that the majority of emails he has received concerning the ARRL State Convention state the State Convention should be held in a more central location in the state rather than in Williams or Ft. Tuthill.

Frequency Coordination Report. Lance (KW7LH) reported loss of data in the database as a result of the UHF coordinator dropping out in 1999. But nearly all of the UHF records have been recreated.

The Committee did become involved in a repeater interference problem, and advised the new repeater owner to contact the FCC because of the possible loss in any record in the ARCA database. He advised the new coordinee to contact the FCC which he did. The FCC advised that the uncoordinated repeater owner is responsible for minimizing the interference problem. So Lance contacted the uncoordinated repeater owner who was able to provide a copy of the original coordination letter. However the FCC would not accept this coordination letter because it was too old and therefore out of date. Lance verified this and advised the FCC they had never set a minimum update requirement so based on ARCA policy the original coordination letter was indeed valid and the repeater was in the same location and had operated continuously on the assigned frequency.

The FCC agreed and recommended that the most recent coordinee would be the one responsible for minimizing the interference which is the same FCC policy as in the commercial world. The FCC further stated the believe coordination letters need to be updated every 3-5 years, with every 3 years being better and be listed in the public directory. So based on this recent FCC suggest, ARCA will require repeater owners to update the coordination form every 3 year and will strongly suggest the repeater to be listed in the public directly.

The Repeater Coordination Committee will send out a reminder with the critical update information left blank. The repeater owner is to fill in the blanks and return it. If the repeater owner does not update as requested, there will be no listing in the ARRL Repeater Directory with the note "the repeater is unconfirmed and scheduled for deletion in the ARCA Directory. If the repeater owner fails to submit the update for the following year, they the ARCA Repeater Coordination Committee will begin de-coordination procedures.

The Committee plans to rewrite the Frequency Coordination Application Form to make it easier to use which will include a better clarification of the fields and format. Also need to standardize the 90-day Conditional Coordination letter and possibly add conformation letter after 90 days. The Repeater Committee is also seeking volunteers to manage mailings, communications concerning coordination and database management. The technical process of coordination requires considerable time and effort, so help would be greatly appreciated to best serve repeater owners and amateurs in general.

Southwest Division Convention Report.

No formal report.

Old Business

SWDC: Several questions were asked regarding reservations, flea-market, location of WIAW and the program. Lee (KD7OED) and Grant (WB6OTS) addressed these questions.

New Business

Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization (YAHO). Richard Palaszynski (KC2LGR, President) inquired if ARCA could assist in the raffle for the Yuma Hamfest in light of the restrictions outline in the Arizona Gaming Legislation. Chris (N7PVL) responded if ARCA handled the raffle, all the proceeds must be retained by ARCA. After discussion, Grant (WB6OTS) recommended that Richard (KC2LGR) consult with John Cline who is the ARRL Section volunteer lawyer to answer the many legal issues associated with holding a raffle.

Ballot Initiative: The Chair (Cliff, KD6XH) called for the counting of member club ballots and appointed Lee (KD7OED), Tom (WB7NHX), Chris (N7PVL) and Grant (WB6OTS) to certify and count the votes. Each vote was certified as legitimate and then tallied. The majority was defined as a simple majority determined by the total number of votes cast.

The results were:

Return to Williams in 2008	10
Remain in Williams 2008 but move to Ft. Tuthill 2009	1
Return to Ft. Tuthill in 2008	5
<u>Total votes cast:</u>	<u>16</u>

Return to Williams in 2008 was the decision of the majority of member clubs casting votes.

ARCA Affiliated Club Roster Vote Talley:

Arizona Desert Aire Waves	Return to Williams in 2008
Arizona Repeater Association	Return to Williams in 2008
Catalina Radio Club	Return to Williams in 2008
Center for Amateur Radio Learning	Return to Williams in 2008
Cholla Amateur RBA	Return to Ft. Tuthill in 2008
Cochise Amateur Radio Association	Return to Williams in 2008
Explorer Post 599	Return Williams in 08, Ft. Tuthill in 09
Maricopa County Sheriff's Communications Posse	Return to Ft. Tuthill in 2008
Saguaro Amateur Remote Base Assn, Inc.	Return to Ft. Tuthill in 2008
Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club	Return to Williams in 2008
Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club	Return to Williams in 2008
Tucson Repeater Association	Return to Williams in 2008
Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc	Return to Ft. Tuthill in 2008
West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc	Return to Williams in 2008
Yavapai Amateur Radio Club	Return to Ft. Tuthill in 2008
Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization	Return to Williams in 2008

The Chair (Cliff, KD6XH) in light of the concerns of member clubs and emails received by the Arizona Section Manager Tom (WB6NXH)), tasked the 1st Vice Chair (Doug, KE6JUK) to investigate the best possibilities concerning time, place and format of the State Convention. 2nd Vice Chair Lee (Kd7OED) volunteered to assist Doug. The Chair tasked the committee to provide a preliminary report at the Springfest in Scottsdale and a final report at the 2008 State Convention in Williams.

Motion to Adjourn

Dave (N7ZPY) moved to adjourn. Motion was 2nd and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Grant Hays WB6OTS
Recording Secretary