

AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

7 July 2007
Williams, AZ

Meeting Called to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman John Lanza (KC7IM). All board members were present with the exception of Secretary Grant Hays (WB6OTS) who was absent due to a family emergency. 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

The June 3rd meeting in Show Low did not have a quorum of officers and was not an official meeting. The last official ARCA meeting was on March 10th in Scottsdale, and copies of the minutes of that meeting were made available to all club representatives for review. A Motion was made by Lee Ilse (KD7OED) to forgo the reading of the March minutes and to accept them as written. Second by Jack Koeckes (KC7DUU) Motion Carried. Copies of the minutes are available on the ARCA website at www.arca-az.org

Treasurer's Report

A financial report was handed out by Treasurer Chris Kesauer, (N7PVL) detailing ARCA's assets and liabilities. A Motion was made by Melinda Kesauer (KC7FWR) to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Second by Rick Aldom (W7STS) Motion Carried. Chris also reported that she was contacted by the president of the Hualapai Amateur Radio Club (HARC) yesterday and that HARC is still interested in hosting the Kingman Hamfest in September. A Motion was made by Lee Ilse (KD7OED) for ARCA to sponsor the Kingman hamfest conditional upon HARC renewing their ARCA affiliation and sending a formal request for sponsorship. Second by Jack Koeckes (KC7DUU). Motion Carried.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman John Lanza (KC7IM) thanked all of those members of ARCA and the rest of the Arizona amateur radio community who fought a good fight to get Arizona House Bill 2595 approved. This bill would have required municipalities and homeowners associations to make reasonable accommodation for amateur antennas. Although this bill passed the House, it was held up in the Arizona Senate by a committee chair and never sent to the floor for a vote. We are hopeful that our efforts will be more successful next year. Amateur Radio license plates are now available for your vehicle, and next year we hope to get the state to change the law to provide some of that revenue to ARCA. John advised that we will need lots of assistance with lobbying to help both of these initiatives pass. He then gave a rundown of upcoming events and hamfests projected over the next year, including a request by YARHO for ARCA to sponsor the Yuma Hamfest 15-17 FEB 08. A Motion was made by Mark Kesauer (N7KKQ) for ARCA to sponsor the Yuma hamfest. Second by Melinda Kesauer (KC7FWR). Motion Carried.

1st Vice Chairman's Report

1st Vice Chairman Doug Collins (KE6JUK) reported on the Williams Hamfest and ARRL state convention. The weather was good this year, and attendance was up both Friday and Saturday, although fewer vendors rented space in the hall, and financial figures are not yet finalized. Doug thanked all of the many volunteers who helped make the event a success and gave special thanks to Carl Gardenias (WU6D – Orange Section Manager) and the Bill Williams Mountain Radio Club (Club Call K7NAZ) for their assistance in setup of the grounds. Doug also advised that there is a good chance that next year's event will return to the traditional date of the third weekend in July in order to avoid conflict with the 4th of July holiday.

2nd Vice Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

ARRL Section Managers Report

Section Manager Tom Fagan was absent due to work conflict, but Southwest Division Director Dick Norton (N6AA) gave a short overview of ARRL national activities. Membership has dipped from a peak of about 165,000 members to the current level 152,000, but this is up slightly from last year's low of 150,000. The good news is that the ARRL membership remains relatively stable in a time when the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) has fallen to only 1/3 of its peak membership, and the Indonesian Amateur Radio Organization (ORARI) is down to about 1/10 of its peak membership. Current information about the Arizona section can be found on the web at www.az-arrl.org.

Frequency Coordination Report

Lance Halle (KW7LH) gave a report on the Frequency Coordinator's meeting that took place during the hamfest. Further information is available by logging on the the Coordination Committee website at www.azfreqcoord.org. A *Motion* was made by Lance Halle (KW7LH) for ARCA to poll all member clubs to consider moving the ARCA annual meeting to 2:00 P.M. or earlier during next year's convention. *Second* by Rick Aldom (W7STS). *Motion Carried*.

Election of Officers

Chairman Lanza turned over the meeting to Past Chairman Mark Kesauer (N7KKQ) to conduct the annual ARCA election of officers. Mark reported that all current board members were willing to serve for another year, and the only other candidate presently on the slate was Cliff Hauser (KD6XH), who had been nominated to run for the Chairman's position. There were no nominations submitted from the floor. Because there was more than one candidate for Chairman's position, votes were cast by written ballot in accordance with ARCA bylaws. One ballot was distributed to the ARCA representative (or alternate) for each club in attendance. Clubs represented were AARC, ADAW, ARA, CARA, CRC, and YARHO. Cliff Hauser received the majority of votes for the Chairman's position, so the officers for 2007-2008 will be as follows:

Chairman – Cliff Hauser (KD6XH)

1st Vice Chairman – Doug Collins (KE6JUK)

2nd Vice Chairman - Lee Ilse (KD7OED)

Secretary – Grant Hays (WA6OTS)

Treasurer – Chris Kesauer (N7PVL) – (Appointed by ARCA board)

Mark enjoined the group to thank John for his outstanding service as ARCA president for the past two years, and also extended his personal congratulations and thanks to John for taking over Mark's spot as past president.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

Jack Koeckes (KC7DUU) announced that Richard W Palaszynski (KC2LGR) has taken over as head of the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization (YARHO), and that the group plans to change the name from "hamfest" to "ham expo" because they think it has a more positive connotation.

ARRL Southwest Division Convention
Torrance Marriott, Torrance, California

www.hamcon.org

September 7,8,9 2007

Kingman Arizona Fallfest??
Mohave Community College
TBD

Old Pueblo Radio Club Hamfest
Kino Sports Park, Tucson
October 20th, 2007

Next ARCA Meeting

The next ARCA meeting will be held in Kingman if the Hualapai Club goes forward with Fallfest. If Hualapai does not go through with Fallfest, a separate ARCA meeting will be held in September at a date, time and location to be determined.

Motion to Adjourn

A *Motion* was made by Mark Kesauer (N7KKQ) to adjourn the meeting. *Second* by Jack Koeckes (KC7DUU). Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Lee Ilse (KD7OED)
ARCA 2nd Vice-Chairman