

**AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
(ARCA)
MEETING MINUTES
16 February 2008
Yuma, AZ**

PLACE: Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ.

Call to Order:

Chairman Cliff Hauser (KD6XH) called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. All officers were present except Secretary Grant Hays (WB6OTS). An attendance sheet was circulated and signed by those present. Richard Palaszynski (KC2LGR) from the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization thanked all ARCA members for supporting the Yuma event and hoped everyone had a great time in Yuma.

Reading of the Minutes

Minutes for the 1 December meeting were amended to correct two typographical errors. Richard Palaszynski (KC2LGR) moved to approve the minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Lance Halle (KW7LH). Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Kesauer (N7PVL) provided a series of 8 reports including both annual and monthly reports and balance sheets for both the ARCA corporate and SW Division Convention accounts. Richard Palaszynski (KC2LGR) moved to approve the treasurer's reports; the motion was seconded by Jack Koeckes (KC7DUU). Motion Carried.

Past Chairman's Report.

Past Chair was not present.

1st Vice Chairman's Report.

Doug Collins (KE6JUK) reported that work has begun for the 2008 Arizona State Convention in Williams. He is working with the local hotels in Williams to get special rates for convention attendees in order to ensure vendors get the best possible rates. He is also making the rounds of vendors who are attending the current Yuma event and attempting to recruit them to come to Williams. He would like to get more folks inside the exhibit hall this year, and requested feedback from the ARCA clubs on his ability to negotiate a fee reduction on spaces for commercial vendors as a way to increase vendor participation. Last years expense for raffle prizes was about \$1800 – Doug is looking to offer a prize pool of roughly the same amount this year and is working with AES to see

what kind of deal he can arrange. Rick Aldom (W7STS) suggested that Doug might want to contact Pat Marcy from Icom to see if Icom would offer a better rate. Doug requested volunteers to help to encourage increased vendor participation. He doesn't mind if folks going out and encourage vendors to come to the event, but requested that they keep him informed of which vendors they contact.

2nd Vice Chairman's Report.

Lee Ilse (KD7OED) reported that he was working on survey of member club desires and alternatives for the 2009 Arizona Convention, and passed out the initial draft of the survey for comments. Once finalized, the survey will be distributed to ARCA club delegates via email.

Section Manager's Report. Tom (K7DF) reported that the Arizona State Legislature is working on a bill of interest to hams. The bill would provide some protection from homeowners associations for hams who want to erect antennas if they are involved in emergency communications. Tom is also working an action that would turn over a portion of the amateur radio vehicle license plate fees to ARCA. Dan Brown (NA7DB) who has been one of the major liaisons to the legislature suffered a setback with his health in January, but both actions are moving forward.

Frequency Coordination Report. Frequency Coordinator Lance Halle (KW7LH) provided the following report:

Due to an extra effort to insure the ARRL repeater directory is accurate, we missed the deadline. The next ARRL directory will have the same info as last year. We plan to make a complete Az listing available on the web. This will be updated monthly.

Due to recent local FCC actions, coordinations will need to be updated every 3 years. We will attempt to send out reminders, but, it will be the owner's responsibility to see that this happens. Also, due to FCC actions, all repeaters will be published (no more unpublished systems except links).

The coordination application and instructions are being updated and the databases are being standardized across bands. Among other things, the new application will have a place for a "single point of contact person" This is who the coordinator will address all communications to. Failure to respond may lead to the coordination being set aside. Make sure this info stays current.

Coordination will now consist of two letters; the first indicating conditional coordination. This will give 90 days to get the system on the air and notify the coordinator of such. If the repeater will not be on the air within 90 days, the applicant should advise the coordinator, otherwise the coordination may be set aside. Once it is on the air, a 90 day test period begins. If no issues after 90 days, a final coordination letter will be sent.

Bandplans are being modified to better accommodate D-Star and other digital voice modes as well as allocating frequencies for simplex IRLP, EchoLink, and Remote

Control (Kenwood sky command, and other remotely controllable equipment).

We need a “Communication Officer”. This is a volunteer position. The job includes interfacing with the coordinators to see that coordination letters get sent, and helping insure that coordinations get updated. A familiarity with Microsoft office products and the ability to send certified mail (trip to post office) is desirable.

Southwest Division Convention Report.

ARRL Southwest Division Convention Chair Rick Aldom (W7STS) reported that plans for the convention are motoring along nicely. We now have 30 confirmed speakers with 12 more pending. The speakers list is posted on the website and descriptions of the presentations along with bios of the speakers will follow shortly. The list of raffle prizes is also posted: the Grand Prize is an Icom IC-756ProIII, the Registration Prize is an Icom IC-746Pro, the Early Bird Prize is an Icom IC-7000 mobile, and there are sixteen additional radios that will be given away as hourly prizes throughout the convention. The convention organizers have decided not to use PayPal as a way to pay fees for the event because of a security compromise to the PayPal system. For more information on the convention (including registration instructions and a link to a special hotel rate at the Mesa Marriott hotel, visit <http://www.azhamcom.org>

Old Business: None not previously discussed.

New Business: The Kachina Amateur Radio Club has requested ARCA sponsorship of the White Mountain Hamfest to be held in Show Low on 7 June. Richard Palaszynski (KC2LGR) moved to sponsor the event; the motion was seconded by Rick Aldom (W7STS). Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: The next ARCA meeting will be held at the Scottsdale Hamfest (Scottsdale Community College) on 8 March.

Motion to Adjourn

Richard Palaszynski (KC2LGR) moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Lance Halle (KW7LH). Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Ilse KD7OED
ARCA 2nd Vice-Chairperson

In Attendance:

Cliff Hauser	KD6XH	ARCA Chair
Doug Collins	KE7JUK	ARCA First Vice-Chair
Lee Ilse	KD7OED	ARCA Second Vice-Chair
Grant Hays	WB6OTS	ARCA Secretary
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer
Lance Halle	KW7LH	ARCA Frequency Coordinator
Rick Aldom	W7STS	ARCA SW Division Convention Chair
Tom Fagan	K7DF	CRC Delegate/Arizona SM
Richard Palazynski	KC2LGR	YARHO Delegate
Jack Koeckes	KC7DWU	YARHO Alternate Delegate
Mark Kesauer	K7KKQ	ADAW Alternate Delegate
Carl Gardenias	WU6D	Visitor (Orange SM)
David Witt	KD7TUD	Visitor
David Bartholomew	AD7DB	Visitor
Bob Dengler	N06B	Visitor
Rex Maudlin	N7NGM	Visitor