

**AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
(ARCA)
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2009
C.A.R.A. Hamfest, Sierra Vista, AZ**

PLACE: C.A.R.A. Hamfest, Sierra Vista, AZ

Call to Order:

Chairman, Rick, W7STS called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.
An attendance sheet was circulated and signed by those present.

Reading of the Minutes

Motion was made by Tom, K7DF and, seconded by Grant, WB6OTS to accept the minutes of the March 2009 meeting. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Lee, KD7OED provided the Treasurer's report as provided by Chris, N7PVL. There was discussion about reinstating the scholarship program and paying back ARA for the money given for last year's SW Division Convention Hamfest. Decisions were deferred until a later date. A motion was made by Lee, KD7OED to accept the Treasurer's report and Grant, WB6OTS seconded. The Treasurers report was accepted unanimously.

Past Chairman's Report

Cliff, KD6XH said only one application has been received for Ham of the Year. A proposed slate of ARCA officers for 2009-2010 will be provided at the June meeting.

1st Vice Chairman's Report

Lee, KD7OED reported that ICOM will be at the Williams Hamfest once again this year. Tickets have been ordered for the raffle.

The ScQRPions will attend, but are not doing presentations at Williams this year as they have a separate event scheduled later in the month.

Lee is checking with the Holiday Inn in Williams for a conference room to provide additional space for presentations not held in the main hall.

2nd Vice Chairman's Report.

The programs for the Williams Hamfest are progressing nicely.

Section Manager's Report

Tom (K7DF) reported:

1. HB2514 passed the full house, but is stalled in the Senate for now due to the budget bill.
2. The Texas Ham bill has been killed.
3. Received approval from the Governor for "Amateur Radio Week." The proclamation will be issued to coincide with Field Day.

4. SW Division Convention in Santa Barbara on August 14th.
5. New Mexico convention also being held on August 14th.
6. The Kingman Hamfest said they had been coordinated by ARCA, but it turns out they had not.
7. OPRC Hamfest (assisted by RST) will be held October 17th.
8. United States Senate Bill S-649 was introduced and is meant to determine if 350 through 3500 MHz is being used efficiently.
9. FCC says next auction is for 420-450 MHz.
10. U.S House bill HB2160 was introduced by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee from Texas. It would require the DHS to study and report back to Congress regarding help with emergency communications on HF. This would have positive effects on antennas in HOA's. We should all contact our Congressmen.

Frequency Coordination Report: NO REPORT

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Tom, K7DF suggested we need a page on the website to list all past Hams of the Year winners.
2. Rick, W7STS suggested a new ARCA website.
3. Randy, KF0X mention Matt Grossman, AC7IL had offered to host and run the site in the past and will ask him if he is still interested.
4. Randy, KF0X suggested the Ham of the Year could be voted for online.
5. It was discussed we could use more commercial vendors at Williams Hamfest.
6. Tom, K7DF suggested ARCA should have an award for the Most Improved Club and Most Growth in a Club.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Grant, WB6OTS and seconded by Cliff, KD6XH and passed unanimously. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Malick, KF0X
Recording Secretary

In Attendance:

Grant Hays, WB6OTS
Lee Ilse, KD7OED
Randy Malick, KF0X
Tom Fagan, K7DF
Clifford Hauser, KD6XH
Jim Fagan, KE7IDC
Randy Powers, AD7UQ
Rick Aldom, W7STS