

AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
Minutes of Meeting Held 12 January, 2013
Thunderbird Hamfest, Phoenix AZ.

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 11:03 AM by ARCA Chairman **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** No Roundtable Introductions

Copies of the **Minutes** of the previous meeting held 6 October, 2012 were circulated by ARCA Secretary **Doug Collins, KE6JUK** for review by those in attendance.

Comment by Drew Jacques, W7EMU requesting that the minutes be posted on the ARCA website in a more timely manor.

Motion: to accept minutes as written by **Lee Isle, KD7OED**
Second by Drew Jacques, W7EMU
Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report A formal written report was not available. **Chris Kesauer, N7PVL** gave a verbal overview of ARCA's finances and report on the account balances.

Motion to Accept report as given by **Tom Fagan, K7DF**
Second by Walt Reinert, N7GDP
Motion Passed

ARCA Chairman's Report ARCA Chair **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** discussed details of a threat of a lawsuit against ARCA and the Repeater Coordination Committee involving a conflict over a repeater coordination issue in the Kingman area. Jeff emailed the individual asking for more information and so far, he hasn't bothered to respond. ARCA does have access to legal council if needed.

First Vice Chairman's Report First Vice Chair **Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ** submitted a list prizes for the Williams Hamfest and said that he was within the allotted budget for these expenses. The list is as follows:

1. Yeasu 857-D - HF, VHF, UHF Transceiver
2. MFJ 259B Antenna Analyzer
3. Heil PRO-SET6 Boom Mic, Headset
4. Baofeng UV5R Dual Band Handheld
5. (Early Bird) Diamond MR-77 2M/440 Mag Mount Mobil Antenna

Mark reported that because of complaints that we don't have seminars on site, this year ARCA will have a meeting room at the Williams Hamfest. He said that it will probably consist of a blackout tent to accommodate the use of an overhead projector and portable air conditioner to keep the temperature under control.

Mark asked for volunteers to give presentations this year. If you would like to volunteer or if you know someone who is willing, contact Mark or Chris.

Mark informed the group that he and Chris are planning a field trip up to Williams to scout out hotel discounts

Second Vice Chairman's Report Second Vice Chair **Cliff Hauser, KD6XH** reported that he contacted a vendor that used to come to Williams. He asked her why she hadn't come back. She replied that she had completely forgotten about Williams.

Cliff shared a draft of a letter he plans to send out to all of the vendors who have been to Williams in years past in case others have forgotten about Williams and encouraging their return.

Past Chairman's Report Past Chair **Lee Ilse, KD7OED** reported on the "Ham of the Year" and "Young Ham of the Year" nominations. Lee said that there have been very few "Young Ham of the Year" nominations in the last few years. Applications and instructions are on the ARCA Website. Both applications are due by May 1st. ARCA scholarships were also mentioned. A general discussion of who is eligible followed.

(Back to Tuthill 6 - "The Sequel") There was a report from the floor that the "sQRPions" are planning an event at Fort Tuthill the same weekend as Williams in order to compete with Williams and draw attendance away. The attendees had a general discussion about the issues and costs involved in returning the hamfest to Fort Tuthill. The general consensus was that the Tuthill facility was too expensive and that we should remain in Williams.

Frequency Coordinator, Lance Halle, KW7LH was absent. No Report Available.

ARRL Report: Tom Fagan, K7DF reported that he doesn't intend to run for re election as the Arizona Section Manager. It appears that **Fr. Bob Spencer, KE8DM** of Yuma will run unopposed to fill Tom's slot.

Fr. Bob, who is the current Liaison to the State Legislature, will be replaced as soon as he assumes his new duties as Section Manager. Tom said that they picked up an experienced State Liaison who had been involved in the HOA legislation in California.

Tom reported on the progress of the HOA bill pending before the legislature. Tom informed the group that the License Plate bill needs to be re filed.

Tom reported that SW Division Director Dick Norton wants to split Arizona into several smaller sections. Dick is asking for ARCA's support and is asking for their involvement in the process. It was the general consensus for the ARCA Board to review this proposal before presenting it to the Member clubs.

On behalf of ARCA, I would like to thank Tom for his years of dedication and hard work and the support he has given ARCA and ham radio in general. Tom, you will be missed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Williams Review** – Suggestion from the floor to invite City of Williams to sponsor a booth at the Hamfest to promote other businesses and activities in the City of Williams. General discussion followed.
- **Cancellation of ARCA sponsored events** - This issue was brought up at the Oct. 6th meeting in Tucson. **Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ** reported on a letter he is putting together as a result of the Cancellation of the Superstition Hamfest last year.

Mark stressed the importance of keeping ARCA in the loop if problems are encountered in the planning process. If notified far enough in advance (90 Days), ARCA can assist in finding alternate facilities or provide help in dealing with other issues that could cause events to be cancelled or postponed.

- **License Plate legislation:** Rehash of License plate legislation, the need to re file the bill and the \$17.00 refund to ARCA. See ARRL Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request for ARCA Sponsorship of Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club Spring Fest** located at the Pera Club, #1 Continental Drive, Tempe AZ, March 9th, 2013.

Motion to Sponsor by Lee Ilse, KD7OED

Second by Tom Fagan, K7DF

Motion Passed

- **ARRL Arizona State Convention:** A general discussion was held regarding ARCA resuming the responsibility of determining the location of future ARRL State Conventions as it had in the past. It was the consensus of those in attendance that the State Convention should remain a mobile event in order to encourage participation from Hams all over the state. **No Motion from the floor.** The issue is **tabled** until Jeff and Mark can discuss it with the incoming Section Manager.
- **Prepper Fest:** **Tom Fagan, K7DF** reported that the people at Prepper Fest in Scottsdale would like ARCA and the SARC to man a booth at their Amateur Radio Pavilion. The date of this event is April 26th. More information to come.
- **Reminder:** ARCA Membership renewals are due and payable as of Jan, 1st. Clubs become delinquent after the Jan 31 grace period. After that date, an initiation fee will have to be paid at the time of reinstatement. **Chris, N7PVL** explained how email reminders are impractical.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **Jeff, WB7RFY** requested that ARCA Officers attend the hamfests that are ARCA sponsored where no regular ARCA board meeting is scheduled. Attendee's will be identified in the review of the schedule of events below:

- **Superstition Hamfest** has been rescheduled for February 9th Mesa Community College Southwest Parking Lot, Mesa, AZ. Information at <http://wb7tjd.org/hamfest/> **ARCA Officers in Attendance: Mark, N7KKQ & Chris, N7PVL**
- **Yuma Hamfest & Arizona State Convention:** February 15th & 16th Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 23rd St., Yuma AZ, 85365. This event will not include the Southwest Division Convention. Information at <http://www.yumahamfest.org/> **ARCA Officers in Attendance: ARCA Board Meeting (unofficial) 11:00 AM**
- **Scottsdale Spring Fest** – March 9th, 2013 Pera Club, #1 Continental Drive, Tempe AZ (See Above) **ARCA Board Meeting @ 11:00 AM**
- **DeVry Hamfest April 13th, 2013** - Since this event is co hosted by the AARC & ARCA, Board Approval is not required. DeVry University parking lot, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix. **ARCA Officers in Attendance: Mark, N7KKQ & Chris, N7PVL**
- **CARA Hamfest,** May 14th, 2013, 2756 Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ **ARCA Officer in Attendance: Lee KD7OED**
- **White Mountain Hamfest** Show Low City Hall, 180 No 9th St, Show Low AZ Information @ <http://www.kachina-arc.org/> **ARCA Officer in Attendance: Cliff, KD6XH**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned without a motion at 12:45 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Call	Name	Club	Del.	Alt.	Guest
WB7RFY	Jeff Hanna	ARCA Chair			
N7KKQ	Mark Kesauer	ARCA 1st Vice			
KD6XH	Cliff Hauser	ARCA 2nd Vice			
N7PVL	Chris Kesauer	ARCA Treasurer			
KE6JUK	Doug Collins	ARCA Secretary			
KD7OED	Lee Ilse	ARCA Past Chair			
K7DF	Tom Fagan	CRC/ARRL	X		
AE7GM	Al Johnson	TBARC		X	
K0PVL	Doug Besemer	QCWA	X		
N7GDP	Walt Reinert	TBARC	X		
KF7JUT	Paula Collins	WARC	X		
KE7GYM	Gerald Jacques	SARC		X	
W7EMU	Dreux Jacques	SARC	X		
W0SLL	Joe Cutitta	AARC		X	
WX7MB	Mark Bales				X