

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona
Minutes of meeting held Oct 12th, 2013
Mohave Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Kingman, Arizona

CTO: The meeting was **called to order** at 11:00 AM by **ARCA Chairman Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** Jeff asked for roundtable introductions by those in attendance...

Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the meeting held July 20th, 2013 were circulated for review and comments by **ARCA Secretary Doug Collins, KE6JUK**

Motion to Accept as presented by Mike Bales, KC7GTY

Second by Chris Kesauer, N7PVL

Motion Passed

Treasurers Report: **ARCA Treasurer Chris Kesauer, N7PVL** handed out copies of ARCA's latest financial report. Chris gave a detailed review of ARCA's assets, finances and account balances.

Motion to accept the Financial report as presented by Bill Beaman, KA0IYS

Second by Mike Bales, KC7GTY

Motion Passed

Chairman's Report: Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY

Jeff thanked the president of the Mohave Amateur Radio Club, **Bill Smith, KD7MIA** for hosting the ARCA meeting and congratulated him on a successful, well attended event.

First Vice Chairman's Report: Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ

- Mark gave a brief overview of Williams A more detailed report is covered in "Old Business" under "Williams Report"
- Weather Issues – The parking lot had to be Re marked several times.
- The new tent was a success. Two were ordered but only one was delivered (Without Tent Poles). Mark wants to buy a second tent for use in Williams next year.
- Couldn't get the Wi Fi working in the Exhibit Hall - Rain damage to one of the repeater boxes
- Chris Kesauer reported that the dinner at the Railside RV Ranch was donated to ARCA by Pat & Tamara Dora, the owner/managers of the facility. Chris asked everyone to personally thank Pat & Tamara next year for their generous support of ARCA.
- Jeff Hanna encouraged people to attend because the annual BBQ is more than just a dinner, but it is about awards & presentations and it is the final event of the hamfest.

2nd Vice Chair Report: **ARCA 2nd Vice Chairman Cliff Hauser, KD6XH** was absent

Past Chairman's Report: **ARCA Past Chair Lee Ilse, KD7OED** was absent

Frequency Coordinators Report: Lance Halle, KW7LH was absent.

Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ is serving as the Packet / Digital coordinator. Mark informed the group that currently there are no issues to report.

- Minutes of the Annual Repeater Owners can be accessed from ARCA's website.

ARRL Report: ARRL Arizona Section Manager Rev Robert Spencer, KE8DM

- 37 Arizona Schools are currently registered with the Educational program through the ARRL. The focus of the program is on teaching modern electronic communications. Licensed hams are needed to assist in demonstrating the equipment.
- Next summer, two academies will be available for teachers. The academies are one week. The cost to the teachers is \$100. This includes air fare and lodging, etc. The League will pick up the rest of the expenses.

Each teacher will build a robotic device that will be used at their schools to remotely collect samples of water, soil, etc. Schools will work together and share the data collected.

- The State of Arizona grew 3.19% in new amateurs.
- The FCC is currently shut down. They are not processing any new ham license applications. They will resume when the Govt is funded and back in business.
- ARRL Centennial is coming up in 2014 Same week as Williams. Rotating Classes Class room & workshop
- Williams will be holding the ARRL Arizona State Convention in 2014
- Contesting: Arizona sits in the ideal location to take advantage of contacts in Asia.

Old Business:

Williams Report:

- General discussion about the menu and price of the annual BBQ. No motion from the floor.
- **Tuthill 10, The Sequel "Why are we not back at Tuthill?"** Mark covered the false narratives, the difference between the costs of each facility as well as the details of this tenth annual recurring plate of Sour Grapes.
- Commemorative Pin sales were disappointing.
- Cost of porta pot rentals were up from last year
- Grounds fees are going up
- Ladies Prizes were a hit. Chris suggested that we start planning for the Ladies Prizes a little earlier next year.
- The Book of Williams (A guide on how to set up the Williams Hamfest) is still a work in progress.

Quarterly Meetings

A general discussion was held about the frequency of ARCA board meetings.

No motion from the floor to revise the number of meetings.

New Business:

- ***Report by Richard Pache, K2LCT on Yeasu's new narrow band technology "System Fusion" repeater system.***
- ***Bob Spencer, KE8DM reported on the status of PRB1 and license plate legislation. Bob asked for a letter writing and phone in campaign in support of the proposed legislation. A general discussion followed.***
- ***Electronic Submission: Sponsorship Request Oro Valley Ham fest, Marana Middle School, Marana AZ. Nov 7, 2013 No objection from the floor Approved Via E-Mail by ARCA Board***
- ***Electronic Submission: Sponsorship Request Spring Fest, Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club, Mountain Valley Community Church, 17800 No. Perimeter Dr, Scottsdale. March 15, 2014 No objection from the floor Approved Via E-Mail by ARCA Board***
- ***2014 Arizona State Convention at Williams, July18, 19, 20, 2014***
Suggestion from the floor to have a WIAW/7 special event station. General discussion followed. Jeff, WB7RFY informed the group that a sponsor is needed for the 2015 State Convention.
- ***Amateur Radio History Project. Jeff, WB7RFY asked the group to have their member clubs submit any interesting items for the ongoing effort to record the history of ARCA in the state of Arizona***
- ***Application for ARCA membership Amateur Radio Development Group, Phoenix Country Day School located in North Phoenix***
Motion by Chris Kesauer, N7PVL
Second by Mike Bales, KC7GTY
Motion Passed
- ***Mark, N7KKQ, reported on the offer by the "My Charity Trip" organization to manage a timeshare with stays to be given away as prize at ARCA sponsored events. No Motion from the Floor***
- ***Mark and Chris led a discussion on the pros and cons involved in ARCA assisting in estate sales of radio equipment. It was the general consensus that this is a bad idea. ARCA's recommendation is to refer the surviving family member to the local radio clubs No Motion from the Floor***

Announcements:

- ***2014 Arizona State Convention will be at Williams***
- ***Oro Valley Ham fest, Marana Middle School, Marana AZ. Nov 9, 2013.***
- ***Superstition Ham Fest, Schnepf Farms, December 7, 2013***
- ***Thunderbird Ham Fest Jan 14th, 2014, North West Community Church, Phoenix***
- ***Yuma Hamfest, February 14,15th, 2014, Yuma Fairgrounds, Yuma AZ***
- ***Scottsdale Hamfest March 15, 2014. Mountain Valley Church, Scottsdale***

***Motion to Adjourn by Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ
 Second by Mike Bales
 Meeting Adjourned at 12:55 PM***

***Respectfully submitted
 Doug Collins, KE6JUK
 ARCA Recording Secretary***

In Attendance:

<i>Call</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Del</i>	<i>Alt</i>	<i>Guest</i>
WB7RFY	Jeff Hanna	ARCA Chair			
N7KKQ	Mark Kesauer	ARCA 1st Vice			
N7PVL	Chris Kesauer	ARCA Treas			
KE6JUK	Doug Collins	ARCA Sec			
K2LCT	Richard Pache				X
KE8DM	Robert Spencer	ARRL Sec Manager			
WB5VUH	Bob Ideker				X
KC7GTY	Mike Bales	CARA	X		
KA0IYS	Bill Beaman	HARC			X
K7TJH	Thomas Hutter	LBARA			X
KD7MIA	Bill Smith	Mohave ARC	X		
K0TAN	Charles Kotan	LBARA			X
K7MYI	Tommy Freeman	Mohave ARC			X
WB7TPH	Don Bauer	Yavapai ARC	X		