

AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
ARCA Williams Hamfest
Minutes of Meeting held July 19, 2014
Williams Arizona Rodeo Grounds

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 PM by ARCA Chairman **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY**

Minutes:

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held March 15, 2014 at the Scottsdale Spring fest in Scottsdale Arizona were handed out for review.

Motion: to accept as written by **Dreux Jacques, W7EMU**

Second: by **Mike Bales, KC7GTY**

Motion Passed

Treasurers Report:

Corporate Financial Report: Copies of the latest financial report were handed out for review by ARCA Treasurer **Chris Kesauer, N7PVL**. Chris gave a detailed report of ARCA's finances, assets and liabilities.

Motion: to accept as presented by **Dennis Bietry, KE7EJF**

Second: by **Mike Bales, KC7GTY**

Motion Passed

Fiscal Year End Report: for 2013 was presented by **Chris Kesauer, N7PVL**

Motion: to accept as presented by **Dreux Jacques, W7EMU**

Second: by **Mike Bales, KE7GTY**

Motion Passed

ARCA Chairman's Report:

- Last Year ARCA Chairman **Jeff, Hanna, WB7RFY** requested that ARCA Affiliate Clubs record their club histories on whatever media that they choose. Jeff suggested that a good source would be a clubs older members and original club officers if they are still active. One of the reasons for collecting club histories stems from the loss of the ARCA trailer several years ago. Some ARCA records were stored in the ARCA trailer in cardboard boxes and cannot be recovered.
- Club Apathy: Jeff reported that the member Clubs sometimes volunteer to take on certain tasks but often fail to follow through. He pointed out that it doesn't need to be a major commitment. If more Hams took on small jobs, It is amazing what gets done.
- Williams: Jeff asked for more member club involvement in setting up the ham fest. Assist in setting up the Exhibit hall, tents for seminars, & directing traffic at the main gates, etc.

ARCA First Vice Chairman's Report:

ARCA First Vice Chairman, **Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ** reported the following:

This Year's Williams Ham Fest:

- *Good weather for a change. We didn't have many issues with what has come to be known as Lake Kesauer in the rear half of the back lot.*
- *A decision was made not to stripe the rear half of the back lot. This opened up extra parking spaces for Ham Fest Attendees.*
- *Early Opening this year. It was decided to let the folks who camped out on the grounds in at noon on Thursday. Most were lined up by 10:00 AM waiting to get in.*
- *Special Event Station W7W. This year, is the first time that we have had a special event station. We didn't get a lot of volunteer operators. We did log eight contacts, however.*
- *ARCA added a second surplus military tent to its inventory. It is also a blackout tent which greatly helps in video presentations.*
- *New canopy set up by the City Of Williams. This canopy as well as the covered Arena is available to us for other meetings and social events.*

Some of the Issues this year:

- *Mark & Chris were not able to make it up to Williams as often as they had planned. Only one of the local hotels offered to discount their rooms but as it turned out, they were booked solid for the weekend.*
- *Some of the Kiwanis members are involved with the local business owners and offered their assistance in getting the local businesses involved with the event.*
- *Problems with the WiFi: After a lot of frustration, Mark was able to get the WIFI up and running.*
- *Grounds Fees were raised to \$25.00. This was necessary to offset the costs of the grounds.*
- *Mark announced he is getting out of the ham fest business. He has been doing them for more than 22 years and he wants to let some of the younger folks with more energy, take over the planning and operation of these events. Mark was applauded by the membership for all he has done in the last 22 years to promote Amateur Radio and all of the hard work he and Chris have done to keep this event alive.*

ARCA 2nd Vice Chairman's Report:

Unfortunately, **Cliff Hauser, KD6XH** became ill and wasn't able to stay for the whole event.

Past Chairman Lee Ilse, KD7OED reported on Cliff's behalf.

- *All of the ARRL materials were brought up by Cliff for the ARRL booth. ARCA wishes to thank **Gary Keck, KE7DX** and **Dick Jones, WOPZD** for manning the ARRL booth this year*
- *This year, no ARRL officers were in attendance. A general discussion followed, The prevailing sentiment from the group being one of disappointment.*
- *Congratulations to Cliff Hauser on his retirement from Raytheon.*

Past Chairman's Report:

ARCA Past Chairman **Lee Ilse, KD7OED**

- Election of officers to be covered in New Business
- Lee made a plea for new leadership to step forward and take over the ARCA board. The same faces have been playing musical chairs with the same five positions on the ARCA board for at least the last six years and that this is a recipe for "Burnout"
First Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman and ARCA Secretary are all up against their term limits.
- Lee thanked **Bill Smith, KD7MIA** of the Mohave Club for volunteering to help manage the Williams Ham Fest next year

Frequency Coordinators Report:

ARCA Frequency Coordination Chairman **Lance Halle, KW7LH**, reported that there are no frequency coordination issues to report. Lance stated that there is approximately 25 more coordination's than there was last year at this time.

The Repeater Owners Group elected Lance to another term as the coordination committee chairman.

- Comment from the floor about Inactive coordinated repeater frequencies. A general discussion followed. It was Lance's recommendation that these should be reported to the frequency coordination committee.

ARRL Report:

Arizona Section Manager **Robert Spencer, KE8DM** was absent.

- **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** reported that Bob Spencer requested that ARCA submit the application to have the 2016 Southwest Division Convention be held in Arizona.
- Jeff reminded everyone that when Arizona is hosting the Southwest Division Convention, that there will be no state convention that year. Any groups interested in hosting this event, please submit your requests the Arizona Section Manager.
- Jeff asked the group to stay informed about proposed legislation that could negatively affect amateur radio. In the recent past poorly thought out legislation was proposed at the county level that would make it illegal operate a mobile radio while driving.
- Jeff asked the group to assist in a letter writing campaign supporting the "PRB1" legislation.
- Jeff reported on the status of the stalled license plate legislation. It was suggested that we partner with the ARRL's State Liaison to advance this bill in the state legislature.

Old Business:

- **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY**, reported on the prior decision by ARCA to make the Arizona State Convention a mobile event. Jeff asked the group for volunteers to host the event.
Jeff covered the essential elements required for a state convention.

Ham Fest Reports:

- **Scottsdale Spring Fest:** Dreux Jacques, W7EMU reported on the success of the event held in March, 2014. Dreux described the advantages of their new venue. More of the facilities will be available next year.
- **RST Ham Fest:** Gary Keck, KE7DX, reported on their ham fest that was held on March 29th, 2014 at the Golden Corral on 22nd Street in Tucson. The event was profitable with approximately 200 people in attendance.
- **DeVry Ham Fest:** Gary Haman, K7GH, reported on the successful event held in April 2014. The event netted a profit and plans are being made for next year.
- **Cochise Ham Fest:** No report available
- **Kachina Ham Fest:** No report available
- **2013 Arizona QSO Party:** Gary Keck, KE7DX, reported that this event was a success and that they had 100 entries in 2013.
- **Expiring calls in the FCC database:** Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY, requested that member clubs monitor the calls in the FCC data base that are about to expire and try to make contact with the individuals, encouraging them to renew their licenses.

New Business:

- **Sponsorship of the Thunderbird Ham Fest:** to be held Jan 10th 2015
Motion: Paula Collins, KF7JUT
Second: Dreux Jacques, W7EMU
Motion Passed
- **Sponsorship of the Mohave Amateur Radio Club Ham Fest:** to be held on October 11th, 2014 at the Centennial Park in Kingman AZ.
Motion: Paula Collins, KF7JUT
Second: Mike Bales, KE7GTY
Motion Passed
- **2014/15 ARCA Meeting Schedule**
Motion: Lee Ilse, KD7OED to keep the schedule the same as last year.
 - Mohave ARC Ham Fest - October
 - Superstition Ham Fest – January
 - Scottsdale Spring Fest – March
 - Williams - July**Second:** Paula Collins, KF7JUT
Motion Passed
- **Discussion: moving the Williams Ham Fest to the 4th weekend in July**
This was proposed to eliminate the conflicts with the ARRL with their annual meetings in Newington.
Motion: by Gary Keck, KE7DX to pursue the possibility of rescheduling the Williams Ham Fest.
Second: by Virgil Silhanek, K7VZ

Motion Passed

- **Prepper Fest:** General discussion about being involved with the Prepper Fest Organization.
Tabled for further discussion

Election of Officers:

Past Chairman Lee Ilse, KD7OED explained that the board members currently serving in the offices of 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, and ARCA Secretary are at their term limits and can no longer serve in those positions.

Lee asked for Volunteers to serve in these positions and the following people volunteered:

- Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY, ARCA Chairman
- Randy Malick, KFOX, 1st Vice Chairman
- Lance Halle, KW7LH, 2nd Vice Chairman
- Jack Lundsford, KD7RCJ, Secretary

Lee called for any further nominations from the floor
None Heard

Lee called for a vote on the slate of officers as presented
The vote was unanimous.

Upcoming Events:

Mohave Amateur Radio Club Ham Fest

Centennial Park

Kingman, AZ

October 11, 2014 @ 11:00 AM (**Next Meeting**)

- October 11th 12th – Arizona QSO Party
- October 26th 27th - Prepper Fest
WestWorld – Scottsdale, AZ
- November 8th, 2014 – Oro Valley Ham Fest
Marana, AZ
- November, 15th 2014 – Harkfest
Congress, AZ
- December 6th, 2014 - Superstition “Super Fest”
Mesa AZ

- *January 10th, 2014 – Thunderbird Ham Fest
Phoenix AZ*
- *February 20th 21st – Yuma Ham Fest
Yuma, AZ*
- *Third Weekend in March – Scottsdale Spring Fest*

Motion to Adjourn by: Dreux Jacques, W7EMU

Second by: Gary Keck, KE7DX

Meeting Adjourned at 5:46 PM

In Attendance:

WB7RFY	Jeff Hanna	ARCA Chairman
N7KKQ	Mark Kesauer	ARCA 1st Vice Chair
N7PVL	Chris Kesauer	ARCA Treasurer
KE6JUK	Doug Collins	ARCA Secretary
KD7OED	Lee Ilse	ARCA Past Chair
W7EMU	Drew Jacques	Scottsdale ARC
KE7GYM	Gerald Jacques	Scottsdale ARC
K7VZ	Virgil Silhanek	ARA & 4X4 Ham
KW7LH	Lance Halle	ARA
KE7DX	Gary Keck	RST
KF0X	Randy Malick	OVARC
AE7GP	Gary Pierce	OVARC
KD7RCJ	Jack Lunsford	NADXA
KA6NLS	Keith Thomas	MARC
K7JS	Benjamin Lee	ARDG
KD7HVE	Kevin Walsh	MARC
KD7MIA	William Smith	MARC
KD7MIB	Tammy Smith	MARC
KF7JUT	Paula Collins	WARC
KE7GTY	Mike Bales	CARA
KF7WXN	Josh Drapkin	
WB2SEF	Michael Drapkin	
KE7EJF	Dennis Bietry	
WA7EDI	Lori Cripps	AARC
K7GH	Gary Haman	AARC