

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Springfest Scottsdale

Minutes of Meeting

19 March 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:02 by ARCA 1st Vice Chairperson, Lee Ilse KD7OED followed by introduction of attendees.

Minutes: Minutes of the ARCA Meeting held on 5 Decembsr2015 at the Superstition Hamfest in Mesa, AZ. were previously published and copies were available for review by attendees.

Motion: Accept with corrections as published – Bob Howard, W8RH

Second: Dave Wells N7AM

Motion Passed

Treasurers Report: Chris Kesauer, N7PVL presented the current treasury report. Hard copies were available and distributed to attendees.

Motion: Accept Treasurers Report as presented – Gary Hamman K7GH

Second: Dave Wells N7AM

Motion Passed

Chair's Report: Presented by Lee Ilse KD7OED, Chair Tammy Smith, KD7MIB was unable to attend

1st Vice Chair Report: Lee Ilse KD7OED

- ARCA Williams Hamfest scheduled 22 July – 24 July (set up 21 July). Two commercial vendors have paid and others have requested space. Several seminars are already scheduled.
- Train ride to Grand Canyon on Sunday will be a part again this year

2nd Vice Chair: Bob Howard W8RH

- The 2016 Arizona State Convention will be Held in Maricopa
- Plans are well underway and include:
 - Balloon Launch
 - No entry Fee
 - WiFi, power, Air Conditioning for inside vendors
 - Friday night BBQ and outside entertainment
 - Web site up soon

Past Chair Report: Jeff Hanna WB7RFY

- Ham Of The Year and Young Ham Of The Year nominations are due 1 May 2016
- Scholarship applications are due 1 May 2016, two are available each \$500 value

Frequency Coordinators Report: Lance Halle KW7LH

- Lance was not present, his report by email
- No conflicts reported
- There are links on the website to all frequency coordinators
- All coordinated repeaters resubmit every 2 years (3 Max)
- All coordinated repeaters should list an alternate contact

ARRL Report: SM Robert J Spencer, KE8DM

- The Amateur Radio Parity Act has passed two committees and still needs support by all Hams. Keep writing and calling. Letters addressed to Reps and Senators should be sent to ARRL for delivery. Post cards can be sent direct.
- The 2016 SW Division Convention in Yuma, event was well attended and very well organized.
- There is only one DXCC 160m card checker in Arizona. Nominations and authorization for one more are needed.
- The Arizona Amateur Radio License Plate bill was not introduced in the 2016 session because a legislator to introduce it could not be found.
- There are at least 18 Ham events scheduled in Arizona each year, spread out over the whole state, a large geographical area. There are about 8,000 Hams in the state. There are only 15 Divisions and there are 71 sections in the country most of them much smaller both in area and Hams. All of this makes the Section Manager's work load very unbalanced compared to other SMs. The ARRL board has appointed an advisory committee to study the issue and report.
- The Arizona Sea Cadets (Scouts) is a growing group and will need support from Radio Amateurs.

Old Business:

- **Report – SW District Convention At the Yuma Hamfest**
There were over 800 attendees, the dinner was sold out, raffle ticket sales were up significantly. The prize list was very impressive both in number of prizes and value. There were a large number of commercial vendors and seminars spanned two days. This was a good event.
The Yuma County Fair Grounds will be moving to a new location, possibly by next year.
- **Report – Thunderbird Hamfest**
Attendance was up from last year in spite of the cold weather. There were lots of vendors and tail gaiters, a very good event.
- **Report – Superstition Hamfest**
Attendance and number of vendors was up. A good event and thanks for hosting the ARCA meeting.
- **Report – Nominating Committee**
Two persons have expressed interest. The secretary is term limited and there are 2 other vacancies.

New Business:

- **Sponsorship Requests Approved by E-vote**
Kachina Hamfest and Yavapai Hamfest
- **ARCA Membership Application**
The Central Arizona DX Association, CADXA a prior affiliate.
Motion to accept and wave the initiation fee, Chris Kesauer N7VPL
Second, Bill Mclean K7WWM
Motion Passed
- **Williams Hamfest Planning**
deferred
- The donated Drake Equipment has been sold (living estate donation)
- **Hamfest and Convention Signs**
There was discussion about need for directional signs for use at Hamfest and Conventions.
Motion, authorize expenditure up to \$100.00 for signs. Virgil Silhanek K7VG
Second, Douglass Mitchell W7ADD
Motion Passed.
- The old home-made ARCA trailer is no longer useful for ARCA purposes and is available to anyone who wants it. Free. It will be disposed of if nobody claims it.
- 2017 Arizona State Convention Host is needed

2016 Meeting Schedule

July 23, 2016 - Williams ARCA Hamfest – 4:00 PM

National Parks On The AIR

Year long on the air event to celebrate the National Parks Centennial. Jan 1, 2016 – Dec 31, 2016

Explorer Post 599

The post is having trouble attracting youth members and is in danger of losing its charter. Referrals are needed. 12 years of age and older – younger may be accepted. Contact Steve Kafka, W7SGK (steve.w7sgk@gmail.com) or Tom Sharp, WA9OXY (wa0oxy@arrl.net).

Up Coming Events

March 26, 2016 - RST Hamfest - Tucson

April 9, 2016 – AARC/ARCA April Hamfest at DeVry – Phoenix

May 7, 2016 - Cochise HamFest - Sierra Vista

June 4, 2016 - Kachina White Mountain HamFest - Showlow

June 10-11, 2016 - Prescott HamFest at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott

June 24-25-26 - ARRL Field Day

July 22-23-24, 2016 - ARCA Williams Hamfest Williams AZ (Set up July 21) - Williams

October 8-9, 2016 - Arizona QSO Party

October 15, 2016 - Mohave Hamfest – Kingman AZ

October 21-22, 2016 - Arizona ARRL State Convention/Copafest - Maricopa AZ

Motion to Adjourn: Bryon McCabe AA7BM

Second:

Adjourn 1:10 PM

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA)

Meeting Attendance March 19, 2016

Note: Club Presidents who are also delegates and will vote today - please check both boxes.

Name	Call	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Myrna Cross	KN7M	Superstition ARC			XXX	
Bill McLean	K7WWM	Arizona Near Space Research		XXX		
Bryon McCabe	AA7BM	EAARS		XXX		
Dave Wells	N7AM	EAARS	XXX			
Luvina Wells	KC7LEW	EAARS				XXX
Robert Spencer	KE8DM	ARRL Section Manager				
Gary Keck	KE7DX	RST, CRC		XXX		
John Marshall	WA7BSR	ARRL, QCWA				XXX
Douglas Mitchell	W7ADD	Superstition ARC		XXX		
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	AARC/MMRG Delegate		XXX		
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	XXX	XXX		
Lee Ilse	KD7OED	ARCA 1st Vice Chair				
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA 2nd Vice Chair				
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer				
Jack Lunsford	KD7RCJ	ARCA Secretary, NADXA				
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chairperson				