

# Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Prescott Hamfest  
Minutes of Meeting  
10 June 2017

11:06am: Meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson, Bob Howard, W8RH, in the absence of the Chairperson.

Introductions of attendees is held. A sign-in list was circulated and attached.

## **Secretary's Report, Melinda Wilson, KC7FWR:**

Draft Minutes of 18 March, 2017 meeting were reviewed. No corrections requested. Motion of Charlie, KOTAN, seconded by Bob, W8RH.

All approved: none opposed.

## **Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL:**

Hard copy of report was distributed and read by Treasurer. Motion to approve report by Jack, KD7RCJ, and seconded by Charlie, KOTAN.

All approved; none opposed.

Chris, N7PVL, reports that ARCA is now set up through Smile on Amazon.com. Amazon will donate a portion of the sale price to charity through Amazon Smile. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for Amateur Radio Council of Arizona. Also, Fry's Food has a charity program where they will donate a percentage to ARCA. Chris is working on getting that set up as well. Discussion is held regarding this.

**Chairman's Report, Tammy Smith, KD7MIB:** Not present.

**First Vice-Chairperson's Report, Bob Howard, W8RH:** Governor signed the license plate bill that gives a portion to ARCA. Thanks go out to Steve Miller, W6SDM and Virgil Silhanek, K7VZ for their assistance in getting this legislation passed. Next year, it is anticipated that ARCA will be receiving the funds for scholarships and sponsoring clubs. Specific details will be worked out.

MARA is hosting the Arizona State Convention on 28 October 2017. It will be a one-day event.

**Second Vice-Chairperson's Report, Lee Ilse, KD7OED:** The Cochise Hamfest was the first Saturday in May. It made some money, but do not know how much yet. It's been a busy year and a great time was had at all hamfests. This Prescott Hamfest has been a great event, and they ran out of room for general parking.

**Past-Chair report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY:** Later we will be electing the 2017-2018 ARCA board members. Please have nominations ready.

**Frequency Coordination Report, Lance Halle KW7LH:** Not much to report. Moving well with coordination. Group is working on participating in ARRL directory next year, but if we do, will have to be only our data and only us process the data to filter any crowd source data. Each coordinator has to be responsible for data. Too many repeaters and not enough people to bring all repeaters on the air. Researching list of off-air repeaters to investigate if and why off air. It's all volunteer.

There was a unanimous vote to retain Lance as frequency coordinator at frequency coordinator's meeting.

Thank you to Lance for a job well done.

**Section Managers Report, Rick Paquette, W7RAP:** Not present. Jim Fortney, K6IYK, is visiting Section Manager from Santa Barbara. James presents information about ARRL. Jim reports that there is confusion about how the ARRL is organized. He explains that section managers report to the members and not the ARRL board members. He said ARRL section managers need your support. He further explained that lots of areas in California do not have a great support structure like Arizona does with ARCA. Jim requested that hams read the July QST for an article by the ARRL CEO on how the ARRL is now being run, and how the ARRL is rapidly changing in how it is being run. He further explained that section managers are not involved in the day-to-day operations at the ARRL, and are there to help local hams. He also advised that the FCC is planning on using the ARRL for monitoring as the FCC does not have the resources, so expect a new program coming.

#### **Old Business:**

- Review of Scottsdale Hamfest: James, N7ELL, advised that Springfest went well and made money. He advised they are trying to get acquainted with new people at the site that will hopefully allow the hamfest to stay there.
- Review of AARC DeVry & Cochise Hamfests: Lee, KD7OED, advised that it was a nice event at Cochise. Gary, K7GH, advised that they appreciated people coming to their event and appreciated ARCA's assistance.
- Sponsorship of HarkFest – e-vote: This was done by e-vote and was approved.
- Sponsorship of 2017 Maricopa Hamfest/ARRL State Convention – e-vote: This was done by an e-vote and was approved.

#### **New Business:**

- License Plates: Melinda, KC7FWR, advised that the new license plate bill does not take effect until August 8, 2017, and that ARCA will not see funds from the license plates until possibly the end of next year.

Virgil, K7VZ, advised that there is a lot of misinformation that has been spread around about the license plate funds, and ARCA likely won't see any money until after the end of next fiscal year – June 30, 2018. The money goes into a fund. If you want a plate, it is okay to get a plate now. We are working on easy instructions on how to get a plate. Amateur radio plates are

restricted to only hams, so you cannot do it online – must be mailed in. This is a specialty plate that will have antennas on it. This is different from a personalized plate. You only pay \$25 per year for the specialty plate, and not the additional \$25 for the personalization, to have your callsign on your plate. Approximately \$17 of this fee will come to ARCA for new plates, and \$17 for renewals of existing plates after August 9, 2017. If you are paying for personalization, other than your callsign, a portion of that will NOT be going to ARCA, so if you have a much older plate and pay the \$25 per year personalization fee, you will have to switch to the new specialty plate to have a portion go to ARCA. This is an excellent potential for promotion of ham radio in the state, and the money gives ARCA the ability to do some really great things for the state.

- Bob, W8RH, advised that ARRL has free legal assistance with two ham attorneys. They assisted in sending a letter to Bob's HOA when they were giving Bob a hard time.
- Jeff, WB7RFY, advised that the license plates will remain as a standing agenda items to set up some guidelines and procedures for use of those funds. The use of those funds MUST keep within ARCA's 501©3 limitations.
- Jim, K6IYK, advised that California uses science fairs with awards for winners, and scholarships to attract young hams.
- Lee, KD7OED, moves for ARCA to sponsor the Kachina Hamfest in July and Yuma in February. Clark, KI7TV, seconds. All approved. None opposed.
- Chris, N7PVL, advised that ARCA sold the ice trailer.
- Jeff, WB7RFY advised that ARCA has a hamfest in a box. But ARCA needs someone to look over the equipment and to inventory the contents. We have military tents and projectors. When the equipment came back from Scottsdale, the tools were misplaced and the golf cart wasn't working. So we need to be careful with ARCA's equipment.
- Bob, W8RH, advised that we need nominations for 2018 Arizona State Convention. MARA does not want to host it again. Discussion is held regarding this. The plan is to move the state convention around the state. ARRL is very receptive to a one day event, so it CAN BE a one day event. Take this back to your clubs and see what they say. Clubs will have ARCA's help; you just have to ask as ARCA does not know if you don't ask.
- Charlie, K0TAN, with London Bridge Amateur Radio Association, presents a presentation regarding their grant application. Discussion was held regarding the application. Lee, KD7OED, moves to grant application with the stipulation that it goes on 5 GHz instead of 2.4, and that London Bridge must present a full report, with receipts, at the 2018 annual meeting, and that ARCA will not entertain any additional WiFi grants until a statewide plan is developed. Clark, KI7TV seconds motion. Motion approved with one opposed.

- 2017/2018 meeting schedule:
  - Next meeting is in Maricopa at CopaFest/ARRL Arizona State Convention.
  - Virgil, K7VZ, moves for the ARCA annual meeting to be held at Prescott Hamfest. Lee, KD7OED seconds. Motion approved with one opposed.
  
- ARCA Elections for 2017/2018 board: Jeff, WB7RFY, presents a slate of nominations for the board:
  - Chairperson: Bob, W8RH
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson: Virgil, K7VZ
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson: open
  - Secretary: Melinda, KC7FWR

Nominations are requested for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman. Bob, W8RH nominates Steve Miller, W6SDM. Lee, KD7OED seconds the nomination.

Chris, N7PVL, moves to approve the slate of nominations as the 2017/2018 ARCA board. Clark, KI7TU, seconds the motion. All approved. None opposed.

Chris, N7PVL, moves that Jeff, WB7RFY, is kept as Past Chairperson in light of the performance of the 2016/2017 Chairperson. Seconded by multiple people in the room. All approved. None opposed.

Clark, KI7TU, moves to adjourn the meeting. Lee, KD7OED, seconds the motion.

**12:31 PM Meet adjourned.**

**Upcoming Events:**

22 July 2017: White Mountain (Kachina) Hamfest, Show Low  
28 October 2017: CopaFest, Maricopa.  
4 November 2017: Cochise Fall Event, Sierra Vista  
11 November 2017: Oro Valley Tucson Fall Hamfest, Marana  
18 November 2017: HARKFest, Congress  
2 December 2017: Superstition Superfest, Mesa.

Respectfully Submitted by KC7FWR

## Meeting Attendees 10 June 2017

Name	Callsign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
James Fortney	K6IYK	ARRL				x
Wayne Hale	W6IZK	Thunderbird				
James Wasson	N7ELL	Scottsdale	x			
Dennis Bietry	KE7EJF	ARA				x
Michael Drapkin	WB2SEF					x
Richard Langevin	KB7YEB	YARC				x
Steve Miller	W6SDM	MARA	x			
Rex Mauldin	N7NGM	YARC				x
Reinhard Geissler	K7RGG	CADXA		x		
Ingrid Geissler	W7ISG	CADXA				x
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	x	x		
Virgil Silhanek	K7VZ	ARA	x			
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	AARC		x		
Lance Halle	KW7LH	ARA				x
Clark Jones	KI7TU	ARA		x		
Jack Lunsford	KD7RCJ	NADXA	x			
Charlie Kotan	K0TAN	LBARA		x		
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA First Chairperson				
Lee Ilse	KD7OED	ARCA Second Chairperson				
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer				
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chairperson				
Melinda Wilson	KC7FWR	ARCA Secretary				