

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Superstition Hamfest
Minutes of Meeting
December 2, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Bob Howard, W8RH at 11:01 AM (the meeting began a minute late because some folks had trouble finding the room).

Introductions of attendees was held. W8RH thanked everyone for attending and A sign-in list was circulated and attached.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse, KD7OED:

Draft Minutes of October 28, June, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Correction to list K7GH as a member of AARC (vice AARL) and spelling correction for NE7X's surname as Boza (vice Bosa).

Motion of Dave, N7ZPY, seconded by Clark, KI7TU.

All approved: none opposed.

Treasurer's Report, Lee, KD7OED:

Hard copy of reports were distributed and presented by KD7OED due to the illness of Chris, N7PVL. The most significant items were a move of \$1000 from the Paypal account to the checking account, and a move of \$3000 from the checking account to the Education and Community Involvement fund to avoid future bank fee charges of \$15 per month. Dave, N7ZPY, seconded by Mike, KC7GTY.

All approved; none opposed.

Chair's Report, Bob Howard, W8RH: Began by reminding clubs that their annual membership is due NLT than the end of December. He noted that today's meeting is scheduled for two hours instead of only one hour to ensure sufficient time is available to cover all business.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Virgil Silhanek, K7VZ: K7VZ was absent, so no report was given.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Steve Miller, W6SDM: Reported on the ARCA trailer inventory that was conducted as part of the COPAfest in October. There are a few items that need to be replaced, but he is still working on getting it organized again because all of the equipment tables, popups, etc. are available to member clubs to support Field Day and other events without having to own and store their own gear.

Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY: Reminded members to be positive when discussing ARCA with your member clubs.

Frequency Coordination Report: Dave/N7ZPY reminded folks that coordination renewal is requested every two years, and asked that if folks are aware of repeaters that are off the air that they report this information to the coordinators committee.

ARRL Section Managers Report, Rick, W7RAP: Rick noted that the league is preparing a memorandum for Governor Ducey to declare Arizona amateur radio day in conjunction with the ARRL state convention at Prescott in June. He is working with the Yuma group to make the upcoming Southwest Division Convention a class event in February. Quartzfest is coming up in January and he will be an active participant at that ARRL specialty convention. He had heard a rumor that the RST hamfest had an issue w/

respect to insurance, but KE7DX reported that the RST group has their own insurance for that event. Rick also reported that the Arizona Repeater Association donated \$2000 to the ARRL spectrum Defense Fund, and that the Oro Valley Hamfest was very successful in November. W7RAP also noted that the Amateur Radio Parity Act is moving forward in US Senate. Although the committee hearing the bill is headed by the Senator from Florida who was opposed to the bill last year, it appears that the other committee members are strongly in favor of the bill. Finally, he reported that he expects a bill to be introduced in the Arizona legislature during the next term to exempt government-licensed amateur radio operators from county or community distracted driving laws across Arizona when operating ham gear.

Old Business:

- Review of the 2017 ARRL State Convention. Steve, W6SDM reported that this third year of the event was their most successful ever. They were actually able to launch their balloon from on the grounds this year. The meeting times were too short for presenters, but the hotel had other activities booked following our meeting. The club did make money and made a donation to ARCA.
- Review of the Oro Valley hamfest in November. Although the event is not large, it was reportedly a very nice event – the swap meet area was shaded by solar panels and the weather was great. There was even a craft fair for some of the spouses who might not be interested in amateur radio.
- ARCA Equipment Maintenance. Funding for new equipment will remain in limbo until we have a better idea how much revenue we will receive from amateur radio license plate funding. One of the things most in need of upgrade is the Public Address System.
- 5GHz Spectrum Directive to Frequency Coordination Committee: N7KKQ noted that mesh network folks are tending to from the 2.4GHz band to the 5GHz band because of the amount of wifi noise in the 2.4GHz band. The committee intends to generally follow the ARRL 5GHz band plan, but they are also trying to get together a meeting of both the Arizona amateur TV and mesh network groups in order to arrive at a plan that will be suitable for both groups. N7AM also noted that there are commercial operators in the 5GHz band.
- ARCA Funding Plan: Bob, W8RH noted that at this point we don't know when or how much funding we will receive state license plate funds, and stated that until we do know it would be premature to spend funding that we don't yet have in hand. As a result, for the remainder of this calendar year we will focus on planning for the future spending rather than actual grants. Mark, N7KKQ reminded folks that there are guidelines from the state about how much funding can be spent on administrative fees vs. grants. Doug, W7ADD asked how the annual ARCA budget was projected. N7KKQ advised that we are in a period of flux where our administrative expenses will likely be reduced, but the revenue anticipated from license plates will increase. W6SDM, Steve distributed a graph that showed the recurring annual revenue for the past two years, and the board took an action to show a projection of our fixed expenses for ARCA's fiscal year from October to September. There was also a long discussion about what the specific restrictions on the amount of administrative expenses are allowed within Arizona Law – the board took an action to contact the state auditor general's office to determine what the guidelines are. Doug, W7ADD moved that the board prepare a projected expense budget prior to the next meeting. The motions was seconded by Clark, KI7TU. All in favor, one opposed. Motion passed.
- Bob, W8RH reminded clubs again that renewal dues are due at the end of the month. Dues are prorated based on the number of members in the member club, but no changes to current dues structure will be made pending further review of projected annual expenses:
 - 5-15 members is \$15 yearly
 - 16-25 members is \$20 yearly

- 26-50 members is \$25 yearly
- 51-100 members is \$30 yearly
- Over 100 members is \$35 per year.
- Jack/KD7RCJ inquired whether the motion that made during the October meeting was going to be voted on, as it is still on the floor and was not seconded when the meeting was adjourned. Doug, W7ADD moved that we table discussion on the motion from October until we have more information about fixed expenses. The motion was seconded by Clark, KI7TU. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- Benefits of ARCA Membership: There was a long subsequent discussion of ARCA dues fees and what benefits membership provides. Lee, KD7OED mentioned that Chris, N7PVL gave a great presentation during the Maricopa Hamfest that she is updating and will provide to member clubs. Gary, KE7DX mentioned that most of the information is already on the ARCA website, and stated that he has also created a presentation for his club that he will share.

New Business:

- Scottsdale Hamfest Sponsorship: The Scottsdale Club requested sponsorship of their event that will occur on March 17, 2018. Motion by Clark, KI7TU to approve, seconded by Gary, KE7DX. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- Hamaid or similar donations: The group consensus was that this was covered under old business w/ regard to tabling new grants. One representative reported that individual hams donated more than \$150K towards ham equipment to support hurricane relief operations in Puerto Rico, but it is not clear that all of this went to amateur radio gear.
- ARCA Trailer: The board has been discussing options to decorate the white ARCA trailer with either a decal or a paint scheme to improve general ham awareness of the organization. The initial quote came in higher than anticipated, so the board is soliciting other options for either paint or a wrap.
- Volunteer Opportunities: The board is always looking for additional volunteers to help out with committees and other projects.
- TeamSpeak: The board has renewed our TeamSpeak license for the next year in order for the board to have informal meetings without having to actually travel to a single location. It is possible that this software may also be made available for larger ARCA or individual club meetings. Other folks use things like Go-to-Meeting, Skype, or other video teleconference software for this purpose.
- Jeff, WB7RFY noted that the next meeting in Scottsdale will be the last meeting prior to our annual meeting in June, and he will be soliciting nominations for Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year, and volunteers to serve on the 2018-2019 board.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Scottsdale Hamfest, March 17, 2018 in Scottsdale at 11:00 AM.

12: 47 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by KD7OED

Meeting Attendees December 2, 2017

Name	Callsign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Gary Keck	KE7DX	RST		X		
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA		X		
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL				X
Tony Bogusz	W9MT	CRC		X		
Mike Bales	KC7GTY	CARA		X		
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	X	X		
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG		X		
Jack Lunsford	KD7RCJ	NADXA	X			
Ray Vasquez	K7RMV	Scottsdale		X		
Stephen Thomas	KE7TLS	ANSR	X			
Christopher Canevit	W7CGC	MARA		X		
Douglas Mitchell	W7ADD	Superstition		X		
Mark Kesauer	N7KKQ	ADAW		X		
Ronald Beasley	KG7MUV	Maricopa				X
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA		X		
T.D. Kennard	N7ISR	ARA		X		
Barbara Sheldon	KC1CYV	MARCA				X
Jerry Wyatt	N7QVU	Kachina		X		
Clark Jones	KI7TU	ARA		X		
Dave Wells	N7AM	EAARS	X			
Luvina Wells	KC7LEW	EAARS				X
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	Thunderbird		X		
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA Chairperson				
Lee Ilse	KD7OED	ARCA Secretary				
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA Second Chairperson				

Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chairperson
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