

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Scottsdale Hamfest
Minutes of Meeting
March 17, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Bob Howard/W8RH at 10:15 AM. W8RH thanked everyone for attending and a sign-in list was circulated and attached. Copies of agenda, past meeting minutes and draft grant guidelines were available on the back table. Introductions of attendees was held. W8RH announced that the Treasurer's report would be moved to near old business because it ties in directly to old business items.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse/KD7OED:

Draft Minutes of December 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Motion of Dave Hall/N7ZPY, seconded by Clark Jones/KI7TU to approve the minutes as distributed.

All approved: none opposed. Motion passed.

Chair's Report, Bob Howard/W8RH: Bob began by saying that because of the influx of a partial year payment of license plate fees ARCA is in a different financial position than it has been before, and this will be a major point of discussion today. He stated that scholarships and youth involvement is very important to the future of amateur radio, and that it is incumbent upon us to foster youth development for the good of the hobby. He also noted that due to the resignation of Virgil Silhanek/K7VZ as 1st Vice-Chair, Steve Miller/W6SDM has moved up to 1st Vice-Chair, and Mark Kesauer/N7KKQ has assumed duties as 2nd Vice-Chair. He thanked Mark and the rest of the board for their work in preparation for today's meeting.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Steve Miller/W6SDM: Reported that he represented ARCA at Yuma Hamfest and SW Division Convention, where there was a good turnout with lots of attendees from Arizona, California, and a variety of snowbird states. There was a great degree of interest in the Arizona amateur radio plate program as in California, the amateur radio plate program is different – hams pay a one-time fee for the plates, but there is no annual revenue provided to the amateur community.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Mark Kesauer/N7KKQ: Reported that he had this position years ago, but is just now getting back in to the swing of things, so has nothing specific to report.

Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna/WB7RFY: WB7RFY reminded members that scholarship applications and award nominations for Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year are due to the ARCA mailbox no later than May 1st. As the past Chair, he is also soliciting volunteers to serve on the 2018/2019 board. He stated that all members currently on the board are eligible to serve for another year, but the board is always interested in bringing in new volunteers. If you are interested or know someone who is – please get your nominations in by May 1st as the elections will be at the Prescott Hamfest June 2nd.

Frequency Coordination Report: Dave Hall/N7ZPY stated that the coordinators are working on plans to minimize the amount of interference that is being caused by the large number of low-cost backyard repeaters that have proliferated over the past couple of years – especially those Yaesu fusion repeaters that mix analog and digital modes. He requested that anyone who had thoughts about how to minimize this interference contact the coordinators. He also stated that the RFFinder folks who do the ARRL repeater directory are no longer returning calls from the Arizona coordinators, in spite of previous

assurance that they would remove uncoordinated repeaters from the ARRL listing. W7RAP stated that he will advise the ARRL HQ of the problem if the coordinators can provide details.

ARRL Section Managers Report, Rick Paquette/W7RAP: W7RAP reported that both the Superstition and Yuma events were a great success. He also observed that the ARA has donated \$2,500 to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund for the fourth year in a row, and has been awarded the Hiram Percy Maxim award that is the highest award the ARRL can award to a club. The plaque will be presented at the Prescott Hamfest/ARRL State Convention in June. Tom Boza/NE7X is working with the legislature on a bill that has been introduced in to the Arizona legislature that would exempt government-licensed radio operators from county or community distracted driving laws across Arizona. NE7X also stated that if this bill passes, it is also a great way to avoid being pulled over in districts that do have restrictions of this nature, because it makes it clear to the authorities that you are a licensed operator. W7RAP also noted that the video of Southwest Division Director Dick Norton/N6AA presentation from the Yuma hamfest can be viewed on YouTube by searching for N6AA Yuma ARRL forum. This presentation covers a number of the controversial issues that the ARRL has either decided to abort or table for the time being. He also reported that there are some poison pills in the Amateur Radio Parity Act that are not good for amateurs, so he is no longer backing that bill. The ARRL has not taken a formal position on the bill at this point, but he will push for them to oppose the bill at the Visalia and Dayton events later this spring.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer/N7PVL: Copies of the 2017 Fiscal Year End and the Cash Flow reports were distributed. Details of income and expenses on the Cash Flow account were reviewed – the most significant income was \$8,670 of license plate funds that State of Arizona provided for the period from August to December 2017. Motion by N7ZPY to accept the report as presented, seconded by KI7TU. There was no further discussion. All approved, none opposed. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

- **Proposed Budget for 2018:** A copy of the draft budget proposed by the ARCA board was distributed. While the copies were being distributed, W8RH noted that the board has officially voted to stop profit sharing effective January 1, 2018 and any checks submitted subsequently will be returned. On behalf of the Scottsdale ARC, Ray Vasquez/K7RMV formally withdrew the motion to stop profit sharing that was tabled during the October meeting as it was no longer needed. The proposed budget included projected revenue from a variety of sources (primarily from the Amateur Radio License Plate funding) and additional expenses for:
 - Equipment and liability insurance (~\$825)
 - Trailer and Equipment Storage (~\$1200)
 - Long deferred equipment maintenance (trailer tires, golf cart batteries, etc.) (~\$2,000)
 - Equipment purchase for a new public address system for use by clubs at hamfests. (~\$500)
 - A wide variety of administrative expenses including phone, copies, web page domain (~\$1,200)
 - Repeater Coordination Expenses and Domain (~\$250)
 - Scholarships (two \$1,000 scholarships proposed)
 - Disbursement to Member Clubs (\$2,900 proposed)
 - Grant Funding (\$500 proposed)

Doug Mitchell/W7ADD requested that the board make a budget for 2019, KD7OED observed that the current board has already prepared a draft for 2019, and that the responsibilities of 1st and 2nd vice-chairs will likely have to be amended to account for the fact that ARCA is no longer in the business of running

hamfests. W6SDM noted that it is likely that the current board will have a budget planning meeting in the 4th quarter before handing over control to the new board, and N7KKQ noted that there are always a number of board members who are held over from year to year. A question was raised about why there was no line item for grants in the 2018 proposed budget. W6SDM stated that we only received a partial plate funding disbursement this year, and that since there will be full year disbursement next year there will be funding available for local clubs to do things that would be covered by grants (for example emergency communications, student classes, or Red Cross support) but the activity will depend on what proposals are submitted by clubs. Additionally, there are disbursements to member clubs as part of the 2018 proposed budget that local clubs can use as seed money for next year's projects. Finally, ARCA made a decision last year that we would not approve any further grants until the amount of license plate funding was known (although this does not prevent a club from submitting a request for consideration). Ray Vasquez/K7RMV stated for the group that he understood that this was our best estimate for 2018, but that there was full expectation that more grant money would be available in 2019. Motions by Clark/KI7TU, seconded by Dave/N7ZPY to approve the proposed budget. Motion by Gary Keck/KE7DX to amend the motion to move all club dispersal funds to grant disbursement. There was no second to the motion, and KE7DX withdrew his motion. A vote was held on the original motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

- 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 quotes are higher than desired, but Doug/W7ADD may have a cheaper option that he will share with the board. Decision on this old business item was deferred until the Prescott Hamfest.

New Business:

- ARCA Bylaw Revision: N7KKQ recommended that one of the Vice-Chair positions be re-designated to be the ARCA equipment manager. This would require a revision of the ARCA bylaws, and will require further discussion before there is an action to make the change (and once a proposal is on the table, it will require going through a formal process to amend the ARCA bylaws).
- ARCA Equipment Use: The board has also prepared a draft equipment rental agreement to ensure that individual clubs are able to pick up the ARCA trailer and haul it to events. This will include certification of insurance for the tow vehicle and proper training of the tow driver, and ensure there is ARCA insurance on the equipment in the trailer. If the club needing the trailer doesn't have a tow vehicle and driver, there will be an associated fee to absolve the board member who tows the trailer from having to pay fuel costs. The agreement is still in draft, and will be further discussed at Prescott.
- Donations: ARCA has signed up for Amazon Smile. If you visit www.smile.Amazon.com you can select a charity to donate to. Once you choose the charity and purchase something through smile.amazon.com (not regular amazon.com) a small portion of your purchase cost will go to your charity, but at no cost to you. Note: not all items for sale on amazon.com are available on smile.amazon.com, but if you are an amazon prime member you can log in to the smile site and get your regular free shipping and other prime benefits. ARCA has received our first check for \$5.18 which isn't much money, but it is a start. ARCA is also in the process of signing up for a similar program with Fry's Food Stores.
- ARCA Affiliation Requirements: When your ARCA renewal form is submitted, it is required that you include a list of your club members (name and call sign only – no personal data). A question was

raised on whether this can be done on-line; the form can be filled out online but must still be submitted with check and list. Applications and checks are due NLT 31 DEC (officer changes can be submitted at any time).

- Grant Application Guidelines: A copy of draft guidelines were distributed with the minutes. K17TU noted that the language in section A2 should read “not less than 60 days” and N7ZPY noted that the section labeled D1 should be labeled E. As these guidelines are still draft, additional comments and corrections were solicited from the membership.
- DeVry Hamfest: As ARCA is now out of the hamfest running business, this is the last year we will co-sponsor the DeVry event. This year we will be in transition to having the Red Cross amateur radio club co-host the event with the Arizona Amateur Radio Club.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Prescott Hamfest, June 2, 2018 in Scottsdale at 11:00 AM at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY, seconded by Norm/AA7OO. All approved.

12: 05 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by KD7OED
ARCA Secretary

Meeting Attendees March 17, 2018

Name	Callsign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS		X		
Gary Keck	KE7DX	RST		X		
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARA			X	
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC		X		
Wayne Hale	W6IKZ	TBARC				X
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA		X		
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL				X
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	RCRCC			X	
Ingrid Geissler	W7ISG	AARC				x
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	X	X		
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG		X		
Glenn Cascino	WN0EHE					X
Ron Oberloh	WA0KDS	CADXA				X
Lee Finkel	KY7M	CADXA	X			
Bill Kouchis	N9EIV	SARC				X
Norm Johnson	AA7OO	MARCA	X			
Ray Vasquez	K7RMV	Scottsdale		X		
Douglas Mitchell	W7ADD	Superstition		X		
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA		X		
T.D. Kennard	N7ISR	ARA		X		
Barbara Sheldon	KC1CYV	MARCA				X
Clark Jones	KI7TU	ARA		X		
John Marshall	WA7BSR	QCWA	X			
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA Chair				
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA First Vice-Chair				
Mark Kesauer	N7KKQ	ARCA Second Vice-Chair				

Lee Ilse	KD7OED	ARCA Secretary
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chair