

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Superstition Hamfest
Minutes of the ARCA Meeting
December 1, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Bob Howard, W8RH at 11:13 AM. A sign-in list was circulated along with copies of the agenda, draft minutes from the most recent meeting, the treasurer's report and a copy of a grant request from the Yavapai club. Introductions of attendees was held – a total of 28 individuals were in attendance with two additional individuals participating via the web (Go-To-Meeting).

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse, K7OED:

Draft Minutes of October 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Ray, K4RMV seconded by Gary, K7GH to approve the minutes as published. All in favor: none opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: Expenses since the last meeting totaled \$286.08 including annual fee for mailbox, monthly phone/voicemail, and printing/postage. Revenue was \$65 for membership dues from CARBA and EAARS. Total assets (accounts, two trailers and other equipment) and liabilities (none) totaled \$13,775.54. Motion by Gary/K7GH seconded by Walt/NJ8G to accept the report. All in favor: none opposed. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Bob Howard, W8RH: Bob thanked everyone for attending and noted that the weather was excellent and attendance was very good. Several members commented that they appreciated the somewhat later start to the hamfest than in years past - which avoided setting up booths in the dark.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Steve Miller, W6SDM: Steve echoed Bob's thanks, and said the central location of the event was convenient for a large number of attendees.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Doug Mitchell, W7ADD: Doug also thanked everyone for attending, but said he didn't have much else to say after having spent the overnight shift on the grounds.

Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY: Jeff reminded members that one of our primary duties (not just as ARCA clubs, but also as individuals) is to promote amateur radio across the state.

Frequency Coordination Report: No coordinators were present, but K7OED noted that there had been a successful 220 MHz coordination during the hamfest. The Maricopa club (W7RH and W6SDM) relinquished their 224.160 coordinated frequency to an individual desiring to put up his own repeater during an on-the-spot coordination with 220 MHz coordinator Scotty Cowling (WA2DFI).

ARRL Section Managers Report, Rick, W7RAP: Rick reported that there have recently been at least 12 complaints of interference in the Yuma and San Diego areas. Most of the complaints have been on 2M, with some on 440. It appears that these are a result of recent changes to Mexican public service agency communications – the matter is being addressed in diplomatic channels. The previous report that the 2020 ARRL SW Division Convention would be in Yuma was premature – the San Diego section is now trying to put together a plan and request to the division director. This topic will be the subject of further discussion at the Yuma hamfest. Rick's intent to put together a draft MOU between the ARRL and ARCA is

still pending due to a recent computer hard disk crash. Rick also reported that he will be running for re-election as the Arizona Section Manager; Virgil/K7VZ is also running along with whoever else decides to run between now and the nomination cutoff on December 7th. Ballots will be mailed on January 2 and must be received at ARRL HQ by February 15th; announcement of the winner will be made in March with the new term beginning in April of 2019.

Old Business:

- **2019 Arizona State Convention:** Will be held in conjunction with the Prescott Hamfest at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University May 31- June 1.
- **2020 Arizona State Convention:** Location still TBD IAW comment from ARRL Section Manager.
- **Continued discussion of 2019-2020 ARCA Meeting Dates/Sites:** The Superstition Amateur Radio Club recently learned that the location they have used for their spring hamfest the past few years will not be available in 2019. Several other locations are under consideration; William/N9EIV reported that they hope to have a decision on location within the next week. Other meeting location dates are listed below in the upcoming hamfest calendar section.
- **ARCA Equipment Rental Agreement:** N7PVL reported that N7KKQ is still working to add the equipment checklist section to the agreement.
- **ARCA Tent Sale:** The ARCA equipment manager place the tent for sale on Craigslist for local pickup. One member who was not familiar with the tent expressed interest and will get back to us.
- **Red Cross School Bus:** As the school bus from the Yuma Red Cross office was disposed of without ARCA having an opportunity to bid on it, this topic will be dropped from future agendas. The command van from the Phoenix office remains a possibility for future discussion, however.
- **Graphics for ARCA Trailer:** N7PVL reported that she has not yet had a chance to do so because the trailer was parked in Maricopa. Note: after the hamfest it was moved to a location where it will be available for installation of graphics.
- **ARRL/ARCA Memorandum of Understanding:** Delayed - see notes in ARRL Section Manager comments above.
- **Yavapai Club Grant Request:** The grant request from the Yavapai club for APRS equipment was discussed at length. In keeping with ARCA grant guidelines, the club has already procured a digipeater and four mobile Byonics All-in-Wonder APRS units as part of their cost sharing commitment, and the request is for four additional All-In-Wonder units and a programming cable. The proposal was discussed at length in terms both its technical merits and availability of the equipment to benefit the greater Arizona community. Per a previous decision by ARCA members no additional grants will be approved until after we see our 2019 license plate disbursement and can finalize our 2019 budget, so the request was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Review of COPAFEST:** Steve/W6SDM reported that this was a successful event in spite of some glitches in audio/visual technical support provided by the casino, and the first-ever catastrophic failure of an ANSR balloon prior to launch. But the A/V problems were resolved by moving presentations to other rooms, and ANSR still had a successful flight after a delayed launch.

- **HARKFEST Report:** Jeff/WB7RFY reported that this was the first year that attendance had not increased compared to prior years, but was still quite successful. The indoor arts and crafts activity continues to be a big draw for the YLs who are not hams.
- **ORO Valley Hamfest Report:** Bob/W8RH reported that this was a good event, although it seemed to him that attendance was somewhat down this year compared to last year, and he was surprised to see raffle ticket prices set at \$10. Although this was not an ARCA-sponsored event, Bob reminded members that one of the advantages of ARCA affiliation is additional publicity for club events and the opportunity to learn about what works well (or not so well) and leverage support from other clubs when putting on hamfests or other activities. He again reminded folks about our overall responsibility to promote amateur radio across Arizona, and Charlie/KOTAN suggested that we might put together some business cards that can be handed out as a way to help this effort, and increase the number amateur radio license plates.
- **Sponsorship Requests:** ARCA received requests from the Yuma and Yavapai clubs for ARCA sponsorship of those events. Motion by Lee/K7OED seconded by Chris/N7PVL to approve sponsorship. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- **ARCA Membership Dues:** W8RH reminded members that ARCA renewal is due by the end of December, and the renewal form must include a roster listing active members of the club (name and call sign only). Subsequent discussion included questions about whether the ARCA dues structure needs to be relooked, and the overall ARCA budget. This discussion will continue during the next meeting at the Yuma Hamfest in February.

Hamfest Calendar Review:

January 12, 2019: Thunderbird Hamfest - New location: Glendale Nazarene Church (59th Ave/Cactus)

February 15-16, 2019: Yuma Hamfest/ARRL SW Division Convention - Yuma Fairgrounds*

March 16, 2019: Scottsdale Springfest – Location TBD*

April 20, 2019: AARC/ARCCC – April Hamfest at DeVry University Phoenix

May 4, 2019 – Cochise Hamfest – Sierra Vista

May 31-June 1, 2019: Prescott Hamfest/Arizona State Convention – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*

July 27, 2019: White Mountain Hamfest - Pinetop/Lakeside*

* ARCA meeting at this event

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Yuma Hamfest, February 16, 2019, 11:00 AM, Yuma Fairgrounds

Motion to adjourn by Clark/KI7TU seconded by Walt/NJ8G. All approved. None opposed.

12: 35 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by K7OED
ARCA Secretary

Meeting Attendees December 1, 2018

Name	Call Sign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL				X
Jim Felke	N7BBS	CARL		X		
Clark Jones	KI7TU	ARA		X		
Charlie Kotan*	K0TAN	LBARA		X		
Barbara Sheldon	KC1CYV	N/A				X
Michael Bales	KC7GTY	CARA		X		
Vince Cattolica*	KA7JOI	Kachina				X
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	X			
Lori Cripps	WA7ADI	MMRG		X		
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA		X		
Virgil Silhanek	K7VZ	ARRL				X
Peter Petrotta	KD7OIW	ARCCC			X	
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	SARC		X		
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC		X		
Dan DeVlieger	KC7MSU	Superstition		X		
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS		X		
Richard Schmidt	K7NSW	RST	X			
James Fortney	K6IYK	YARC				X
Steve Kafka	K7SGK	Post 599		X		
Adam Humiecki	KF7EZ	K7YXD Group				X
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN-AZ		X		
TD Kinnard	N7ISR	ARA			X	
Steve Thomas	KE7TLS	ANSR	X			X
William Kouchis	N9EIV	Scottsdale				X
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA Chair				

Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA First Vice-Chair
Doug Mitchell	W7ADD	ARCA Second Vice-Chair
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA Secretary
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chair