

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Maricopa Hamfest
Minutes of the ARCA Meeting
October 27, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Bob Howard, W8RH at 11:09 AM. W8RH thanked everyone for attending. A sign-in list was circulated and attached, copies of agenda, past meeting minutes and treasurer's reports were available. Introductions of attendees was held – a total of 33 individuals were in attendance.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse, KD7OED:

Draft Minutes of June 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Vince, KA7JOI seconded by Mike, KC7GTY 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 \$99.57 leaving a current total asset balance (including bank accounts, paypal, and equipment) of \$13,996.62 with no outstanding debts or obligations. The annual financial report for the corporation from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 was also presented. This included regular income of \$1,721.67, license plate income of \$8,670.00, and expenses (including fees, equipment, insurance, scholarships, and administrative expenses) of \$8,824.70. The total asset balance at the end of the year was \$14,003.65. Motion by Bill/K7WMM, seconded by Mike, KC7GTY 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 attendance was better than last year. In spite of a few technical difficulties, today's event was an overall success.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Steve Miller, W6SDM: In his dual-role as chair of the Maricopa club he also thanked everyone for attending and noted that this event provides the major financial support for the club, and similar events of this type also sustain other member clubs.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ: Nothing significant to report.

Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY: Nothing significant to report.

Frequency Coordination Report: No coordinators were present, but no issues were raised from the floor.

ARRL Section Managers Report, Rick, W7RAP: Rick 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 December. The new term will start in April of 2019. The recent ARRL board of directors meeting mostly dealt with internal board issues; the only important news he has received from the meeting is that the Amateur Radio Parity Act (which has some potential negative impacts on Arizona residents who live in HOAs) has passed both the US House and the Senate; a conference committee bill is expected to be voted on before this congressional session ends in December.

Old Business:

- **Review of Pinetop/Lakeside Hamfest:** Vince/WB7TPH reported that attendance was up from last year and the club was very pleased with how it turned out. The weather was great and they expect the event to grow even more next year. Bob/W8RH thanked the Kachina Club for hosting the ARCA meeting during the hamfest, which included the use of Go-To-Meeting for members who were unable to attend to participate remotely.
- **Continued discussion of 2019-2020 ARCA Meeting Dates/Sites:** After discussion, the consensus of the membership was to move to six meetings per year, and Bill/K7WMM took an action to see if the Arizona Near Space Research would allow ARCA to use their Go-To-Meeting link in order to allow more than ten folks to participate remotely. If not, ARCA will make Go-To-Meeting available from other ARCA resources if desired. For 2019 it was suggested that the six meetings would be held at the following hamfests: Yuma, Scottsdale, Prescott, Kachina, Maricopa (or another early fall event) and Superstition. Additionally, the meeting schedule will be published and posted on the website; the board will send a reminder to all clubs two weeks prior to every meeting along with the agenda and the draft minutes from the last meeting. Additionally, if clubs are unable to attend and wish to participate via Go-To-Meeting, they need to advise the ARCA board two weeks in advance to ensure sufficient time is available to make required technical arrangements. Motion by Lee/KD7OED seconded by Charlie/ N2TFS to approve the schedule. All in favor: none opposed. Motion carried. W6SDM reminded folks that for 2020 this schedule can be renegotiated and solicited clubs to volunteer to host meetings if they have a facility that is available.
- **ARCA Equipment Rental Agreement:** A copy of the draft agreement had been prepared and circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. A recommendation from the floor to add a checklist of items (e.g.; copy of insurance coverage) that need to be submitted with a request for equipment, along with noting the name of the ARCA equipment manager who will be responsible for check-out and check-in of the equipment. W6SDM noted that ARCA now has a much better handle on the status of all our equipment, and thanked N7KKQ for his diligent work in documenting the status preparing the draft agreement. Motion by Bill/K7WMM seconded by Gary/KE7DF to approve the agreement as amended. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- **ARCA Tent Sale:** No clubs expressed interest in buying the surplus GP medium tent. Motion by Chris/N7PVL seconded Charlie/ N2TFS that the ARCA equipment manager place the tent for sale on Craigslist for local pickup. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- **Red Cross Command Van:** Charlie/ N2TFS reported that the Red Cross leadership made a decision to dispose of the old mini-school bus out of the Yuma office, so it went to salvage. The current Phoenix office command van (displayed today at the hamfest) is twelve years old, and although the local chapter is trying to retain it, the Red Cross normally likes to dispose of vehicles once they reach ten years old. More to follow at the next meeting.
- **Graphics for ARCA Trailer:** N7PVL reported that she has acquired vinyl that can be used to place lettering on the sides and back (and potentially the front) of the ARCA trailers and canopies. Although the weather has recently cooled down enough to apply the lettering, she has not yet had a chance to do so because of other schedule issues.
- **2019 ARRL Arizona State Convention Location:** ARCA has received a request from the Yavapai Club to host the 2019 convention. The ARRL Section Manager and ARCA board were in support of this request. NE7X asked whether there would be vendors present (noted that the Yuma hamfest is the ARRL Southwest Division Convention and draws more people including winter visitors and hams from California) so there are more vendors present. W6SDM noted that Yaesu and other vendors did attend the Yavapai event last year, and W8RH stated that HRO is now updating their point of

sale systems in order to better support events of this type, and expects them to participate in the future. Rick/W7RAP noted that the event is growing every year and the ARRL was happy with the attendance, but also noted that it is up to the club running the event to coordinate for vendors. Motion by Lee/KD7OED seconded by Bill/K7WWM to approve the Prescott Hamfest as the 2019 ARRL State Convention. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. W7RAP will present the request to the ARRL for action.

- **ARRL/ARCA Memorandum of Understanding:** Rick/W7RAP stated that although he is working on a draft MOU between ARCA and the ARRL in an attempt to better coordinate and support individual club activities, he has not yet completed it. He will complete the draft and forward it to the ARCA board within the next two weeks for consideration.
- **2020 Southwest Division Convention:** Rick/W7RAP stated that convention venues in Southern California have become very expensive, and at this point it appears that none of the California sections are in position to host the ARRL Southwest Division Convention in 2020 because of a lack of funding and volunteers. This is in part because of the other large competing conventions held in central and northern California (PACIFICON, etc.). As a result, SW Division Director Dick Norton/N6AA has stated his tentative intention to hold the convention in conjunction with the Yuma hamfest again in 2020, and for the foreseeable future unless another venue is located and another club offers to sponsor the event. A question was raised from the floor about the future of the Yuma Fairgrounds, but at this time it appears that it will be many years before the fairgrounds move to another location.

New Business:

- **Resignation of ARCA Second Vice-Chair:** Mark/N7KKQ has resigned due to health reasons, but stated that he will continue to support the organization in an informal role. The board has regretfully accepted his resignation; Bob/W8RH thanked Mark for his many years of faithful service. Doug/W7ADD has agreed to serve the remaining portion of Mark's term. In addition, Ray/K4RMV has agreed to take on responsibilities as ARCA equipment manager (one of the duties previously executed by the second Vice-Chair), and the board has accepted his offer to serve. This position will include responsibilities not only for tracking current equipment, but also in disposing of equipment that is no longer needed.
- **Yavapai ARC Grant Request:** The Yavapai club previously sent a request to the board for a grant of \$1249.79 to cover the cost of a portable repeater and some APRS equipment to be used to track participants in public service events in areas of restricted terrain. The board requested that additional detail be provided regarding the specific type/model of equipment that would be procured. Jeff/W7RFY advised that no Yavapai club officers were able to attend the meeting today, but that the Yavapai club has subsequently procured the repeater, and provided the requested additional detail on the commercial mobile (Byonics) units that are proposed. The details will be sent out to the member clubs for consideration and discussed at the next ARCA meeting at the Superstition hamfest. KOTAN suggested that future equipment procured through grants be clearly marked as ARCA property in the event that the club issued the grant were to disband, since it is required that non-profit equipment can only be transferred to another non-profit organization rather than to individuals.
- **New Digital Modes:** Dick/K2LCT gave a short talk on a variety of new modes of internet-linked radio capabilities including Echolink, Zello, DMR, DSTAR, Fusion and other VOIP modes.
- **ARRL Arizona Legislative Affairs:** Virgil/K7VZ gave an overview of some recent actions in local governments that had potential impacts to ham radio mobile operations. The good news is that at

this time there isn't anything that specifically restricts mobile operations, but there is a desire to pass an overarching bill at the state level that would preclude counties and municipalities from passing more restrictive laws. He requested that members who had ideas on wording contact him so that we can have a single unified approach to the new 2020 legislature rather than having several similar but potentially conflicting bills presented by different legislators.

- **Arizona QSO Party:** Gary/KE7DX reported that this year was a great event with 166 logs submitted, over 12,000 QSOs, and all 15 Arizona Counties were represented. Thanks to all who participated – we will hold this event again the second weekend of October in 2019.

Hamfest Calendar Review:

November 10, 2018: Oro Valley Hamfest - Marana Middle School

November 10, 2018: HARKFEST - Congress

December 1, 2018: Superstition Superfest - Mesa Community College*

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 – To Be Determined*

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: Superstition Hamfest, December 1st, 2018, 11:00 AM, Mesa

Motion to adjourn by Bill/K7WWM seconded by Charlie/K0TAN. All approved. None opposed.

12: 40 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by KD7OED
ARCA Secretary

Meeting Attendees Oct 27th, 2018

| Name | Callsign | Club | Pres. | Del. | Alt. | Visitor |
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| Rick Paquette | W7RAP | ARRL | | | | X |
| Charlie Zurenko | N2TFS | ARCCC | | X | | |
| Charlie Kotan* | K0TAN | LBARA | | X | | |
| John Lanza | W7JL | CARBA | | X | | |
| Michael Bales | KC7GTU | 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 |
| Charlie Zurenko | N2TFS | RCCC | | | X | |
| Ray Vasquez | K4RMV | SARC | | X | | |
| Walt Reinert | NJ8G | TBARC | | X | | |
| Gary Keck | KE7DX | RST | | X | | |
| James Wasson | N7EW | SARC | X | | | |
| Bill McLean | K7WWM | ANSR | | X | | |
| Dan DeVlieger | KC7MSU | SUPARC | | | X | |
| Tony Bogusz | W9MT | CRC | | X | | |
| Jack Koeckes | KC7DUU | YARHO | | X | | |
| BJ Koeckes | KD7WBH | YARHO | | | X | |
| Chris Canevit | W7CGC | MARA | | X | | |
| Gary Hinton | AC7R | MARCA | | | | X |
| Dick Pache | K2LCT | SUNLIFE | | | | X |
| George Hogan | K7GTH | MARA | | | | X |
| Doug Mitchell | W7ADD | SUPARC | | X | | |

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| 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 |