

# Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

White Mountain Hamfest  
Minutes of the ARCA Meeting  
July 28, 2018

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Bob Howard, W8RH at 11:00 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 on the front table. Introductions of attendees was held – a total of 21 individuals were in attendance; two additional individuals joined via the Go-To-Meeting link.

**Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse, KD7OED:**

Draft Minutes of June 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Two administrative corrections were made to show W7JL and WB9KMO as delegates rather than visitors. Motion by Jack, NT7MM, seconded by Mike, KC7GTY to approve the minutes as corrected. All approved: none opposed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL:** Reported a total asset balance (including bank accounts, paypal, and equipment) of \$14,053.24 with no debts. Two clubs donated their share of license plate funds back to ARCA so we now have \$100 in the grant fund and \$100 in the scholarship fund. Purchases of \$516 since the last meeting include a security camera and graphics for the trailer. Motion by Lee/KD7OED, seconded by Mike, KC7GTY to accept the report. All approved: none opposed. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report, Bob Howard, W8RH:** Bob began thanking the Kachina Club for hosting a great event, but that he would hold his other remarks until we had topics to discuss under new business.

**First Vice-Chair's Report, Steve Miller, W6SDM:** Nothing significant to report.

**Second Vice-Chair's Report, Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ:** Nothing significant to report until we get to new business items.

**Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY:** WB7RFY thanked everyone for the good turnout. He will have a comment under the hamfest review schedule.

**Frequency Coordination Report, Lance, KW7LH:** KW7LH was not present. N7KKQ stated that there are no current issues that he is aware of. He reminded folks that repeater coordination listings need to be updated on at least a three year basis (2 years is recommended). He used the example that KD6XH who has moved out of state but has a number of repeaters on Mount Lemmon.

**ARRL Section Managers Report, Rick, W7RAP:** Rick/W7RAP thanked the Kachina club for improving the event since last year. He has not received a response from the past two days of the ARRL directors meeting, but noted that one of the topics of discussion was scheduled to be better communication between the board and the ARRL membership. The latest version of the ARES structure are out for review; he recommended that folks review them and provide input to him before they are finalized. The existing ARES courses previously offered by the ARRL have been discontinued due to a pending change in the company that runs these classes for the league. The ARRL Official Observer program will be replaced by a new program that has technical evaluators and all current observers will need to be recertified under the new program. Finally, W7RAP noted that the Amateur Radio Parity Act is no longer part of the defense

appropriations bill, but is now part of a different bill. The current language hasn't changed in spite of the fact that most hams appear to be opposed to the current language.

### Old Business:

- **App Development:** W8RH reported that there was no interest expressed by any of the member clubs in developing a smart phone app, so this topic will be dropped from further discussion.
- **Review of Prescott Hamfest/Arizona State Convention:** Don/WB7TPH reported that attendance was down a bit this year, but it was still judged as a successful event. Jeff/WB7RFY reported that as an indicator of how many folks attended, ARCA handed out more than 800 flyers there, compared with only about 60 at the White Mountain event.
- **ARCA Equipment Rental Agreement:** Mark/N7KKQ reported that a revised version of the draft agreement has been prepared by the board. Due to an error by the ARCA Secretary, only the second page of the agreement was printed, so there was no detailed discussion other than to re-emphasize that the intent of the agreement is to ensure safe operation and proper accountability of ARCA equipment. Copies will be emailed to club presidents and delegates and the final discussion and approval will be scheduled for the next ARCA meeting at the COPA hamfest.
- **Hopi Point Repeater:** Per discussion during the June meeting, the Coconino ARC has not submitted a grant request to support this repeater, and it is unclear that the National Park Service is going to allow continued operation of the site. Motion by Jeff/WB7RFY, seconded by Chris/N7PVL to drop this item as a future old business topic unless the Coconino Club initiates further dialog. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.
- **Graphics for ARCA Trailer:** As reported during the treasurer's report, the board has approved the purchase of black and white vinyl lettering for the side of the large ARCA trailer. The purpose of the graphics is to promote awareness of what ARCA does for member clubs – life expectancy of the vinyl is at least 5 years. Additional discussion is ongoing about graphics for the front and back of the trailer, but no further decision will be made until after the black and white lettering is installed.
- **Directors & Officers Insurance:** As reported during the treasurer's report ARCA now has D&O liability coverage as a separate policy, due to the previous coverage being discontinued as part of the base liability policy.
- **Sale of GP Medium Tent to Member Clubs:** Mark/N7KKQ reported that since ARCA is no longer in the hamfest business, we no longer have use for the Army-surplus GP-Medium tents that had been used at Williams Hamfest. One tent has been donated to the Arizona Red Cross, who plan to use it as an emergency shelter. They did not have use for the second tent, so it is being offered for sale to any ARCA member club who is interested. The tent is 16' x 32' and comes with two liners to insulate it for winter operation. Asking price is \$500 – if no club is interested by the October meeting ARCA will attempt to sell on Craig's List or EBay.

### New Business:

- **Red Cross Van Auction:** N7KKQ reported that the Red Cross van that had been under consideration for purchase is going to auction – it cannot be procured directly from the Red Cross. There is command van based on a Ford Excursion that may become available in the future. There was much follow-on discussion about options for other vehicles (including ambulances and tower trailers) that might become available for little or no money, but there was no decision about whether this is a subject that ARCA should pursue.

- **ARCA 2019 Budget:** N7PVL handed out copies of the projected budget for 2019 – based on an extrapolation of the amount of license plate funding that was received for 2018. The projection was to essentially split the funding in to four major areas; operations (including administrative expenses, insurance, trailer storage and equipment maintenance), scholarships, grants, and club disbursements. Motion by WA0VZM, seconded by KA7JOI, to approve the proposed budget. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- **Proposed 2019-2020 ARCA Meeting Dates:** Board has recommended the following schedule for upcoming meetings. 27 October at Maricopa and 1 December at Superstition. The board wants to move the event around to other areas and have 6 rather than 4 meetings per year. Further discussion will occur at the October meeting.
- **Hamfest Calendar Review:** W8RH noted that the ARCA website has the current schedule of Arizona hamfests – he reiterated that all clubs should look far in advance before scheduling a hamfest so we can avoid having schedule conflicts.
- **Call for 2019 Arizona State Convention Location:** W8RH solicited input from the member clubs for the 2019 Arizona State Convention (not to be confused with the ARRL Section Convention, although normally the State Convention is also an ARRL sponsored event). Current location under consideration are Oro Valley, Lake Havasu, Prescott, and Yuma. A list of ARRL convention rules is posted at <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/New%20Convention%20Hamfest%20Rules.pdf>
- **MOU between ARCA and the ARRL:** W7RAP will provide a draft MOU between the ARRL and ARCA for board consideration.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Copa Hamfest, October 27th, 2018, 11:00 AM, Maricopa

Motion to adjourn by WA0ZVM seconded by W7JL. All approved. None opposed.

**12: 45 PM Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by KD7OED  
ARCA Secretary

## Meeting Attendees July 28, 2018

Name	Callsign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL				X
Jack Lunsford	NT7MM	NADXA	X			
Charlie Kotan*	K0TAN	LBARA		X		
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN		X		
John Lanza	W7JL	CARBA		X		
Reinhard Geissler*	K7RGG	AARC		X		
Michael Bales	KC7GTY	CARA		X		
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS		X		
Vince Cattolica	KA7JOI	Kachina				X
Don Bauer	WB7TPH	Yavapai		X		
Lee Weitzel	K0CCU	ATN				X
Frank Engstrom	KB7IQ	ARCCC				X
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCCC		X		
Bob Cooper	KI7KDH	AARC		X		
Stephen Thomas	KE7TLS	ANSR	X			
Dave Porta	WA0ZVM	West Valley		X		X
Mike Boger	W7IJ	RST	X			
Bob Sitterly	K7POF	MMRG	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				

\* Participated Via Go-To-Meeting Connection