

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Yuma Hamfest/ARRL SW Division Convention

Minutes of the ARCA Meeting

February 16, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Bob Howard, W8RH at 11:00 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 34 individuals were in attendance with three additional individuals participating via the internet via Go-To-Meeting.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse, K7OED:

Draft Minutes of December 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Dave, N7ZPY seconded by Charlie, K0TAN to approve the minutes as published. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Lee reminded all clubs that annual membership renewal was due to ARCA by December 31st, and a list of clubs who are still delinquent is available at the ARCA booth.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: Expenses since the last meeting totaled \$382.59 including Phone/Voicemail, Got-to-Meeting Subscription, and reproduction costs. Income was \$722.00 for membership dues, repeater directory sales, and a donation from Hassayampa Club. Total assets (accounts, two trailers and other equipment) and liabilities (none) as of December 31st was \$12,840.55. Motion by Dave, N7ZPY seconded by Jack, NT7MM 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.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Steve Miller, W6SDM: Steve had nothing to report.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Doug Mitchell, W7ADD: Doug reminded member clubs that we have not yet received the annual license plate funds, so no grants will be approved at this time.

Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY: Jeff reminded members that nominations for the 2019-2020 term on the ARCA board are now open – positions include Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair and Secretary. Nominations should be submitted by the next meeting, but will also be taken from the floor at the June annual meeting. Applications for scholarships are also open and must be submitted by May 1st.

Frequency Coordination Report: Dave, N7ZPY reported that he is not aware of any frequency coordination issues at present.

ARRL Division Director's Report, Dick, N6AA: Dick thanked ARCA for the work that it does promoting amateur radio and stated that the Arizona section is by far the most active section in the entire SW Division. He reserved additional comments for the ARRL forum to take place later that afternoon.

ARRL Section Managers Report, Rick, W7RAP: Rick reported that there are two bills working in the Arizona legislature dealing with hands-free operation. The Senate Bill is 1165 and the House Bill is 2531, so you can track the status on the legislature website. Both bills would pre-empt any local ordinances that would

restrict amateur operation. Thomas Boza, NE7X is leading coordination with the legislature. It was suggested from the floor that folks could use an application titled Request to Speak to address the legislature - Rick recommended that folks limit their comments to saying that they support both bills, but not say anything further. The rationale is that current language uses the term “federally licensed radio operators” and lumps amateur radio in with law enforcement and other first responders – it is better not to draw additional attention to the fact that the current language also includes amateur radio operators.

Rick also stated that he is working to establish a formal memorandum of understanding between the ARRL and ARCA, and stated his belief that by having the two organizations work more closely together we could better serve the needs of all Arizona amateur operators. When questioned about his lack of follow-through on his commitments during two prior meetings to provide an outline or working draft of the MOU to the ARCA board to initiate discussion on this topic, Rick again promised to do so.

Old Business:

- **Membership Renewal:** See Secretary’s Report
- **2020 Southwest Division Convention:** Dick, N6AA stated that although the LA section is interested in hosting the event, it appears that the Torrance Marriott location will be too expensive because commercial organizations are willing to pay significantly higher fees for the facility. He also noted that the Santa Barbara club lost \$6,000 the last time they hosted the convention. Scott, W7RFI from the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization expressed a willingness to host the convention again if no other club volunteered.
- **Continued discussion of 2019-2020 ARCA Meeting Dates/Sites:** See schedule below. The change of venue of the Scottsdale Hamfest to Coronado High School has resulted in no meeting room being available, and as a result the spring ARCA meeting will move to the DeVry hamfest in April.
- **ARCA Tent Sale:** No ARCA clubs have expressed an interest in the remaining ARCA tent. Motion by Gary, KE7DX seconded by Charlie, KOTAN to donate the tent to the Red Cross. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried. The Arizona Red Cross Communications Club will arrange for pickup and delivery to the Red Cross.
- **Grants and Funding:** ARCA has not yet received disbursement of the 2018 license plate funds, so per previous discussion the existing grant request from the Yavapai club could not be approved at this time. However, additional grant requests can be submitted and will be evaluated after funding is received. Grant applications and guidelines are available on the ARCA website.

New Business:

- **Review of Superstition Hamfest:** Dan, KC7MSU reported that the December 2018 hamfest was a profitable event. There were lots of vendors and approximately 1100 folks in attendance.
- **Review of Thunderbird Hamfest:** Walt, NJ8G reported that they had a very successful hamfest with both attendance and vendors having increased from last year. They are happy with the new location and have already been invited back to the same location for next year.
- **Review of the Yuma Hamfest:** Scott, W7RFI reported that they will award about \$25,000 in prizes during the event, and although it is too soon to tell if the hamfest made money they will consider it a success if they break even as they are a non-profit organization. He observed that they would like to have had more vendors this year, but that it is difficult for vendors to travel all the way from the Hamcation event in Orlando in less than a week. He also noted that there is now a new repeater 146.84 repeater on the grounds with a PL of 88.5 – it was previously coordinated with ARCA and is now coordinated with TASMA (the Southern California VHF coordination group).

- **Sponsorship Requests:** ARCA received requests for sponsorship of the Scottsdale, DeVry and Thunderbird Hamfests. Motion by Gary, KE7DX seconded by Gary, K7GH to approve all three requests. All in favor, none opposed motion carried.
- **Equipment Survey:** Ray, K4RMV was not present so this topic was tabled until the next meeting.
- **Arizona QSO Party:** Gary, KE7DX noted that the event had the most ever participants last year, and will be held again October 13-14' 2019.

Hamfest Calendar Review:

March 16, 2019: Scottsdale Springfest – Coronado High School, Scottsdale

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*

September 28, 2019: Tucson Fall Hamfest, Tucson

October 26th, 2019: Copafest, Maricopa*

November 2, 2019: Harkfest, Hassayampa

November 9, 2019: OVARC Hamfest, Oro Valley Middle School

* ARCA meeting at this event

Date and Time of Next Meeting: DeVry Hamfest, April 20, 2019, 11:00 AM, DeVry University

Motion to adjourn by Tom, WB7OUT seconded by Thomas, NE7X. All approved. None opposed.

11:48 AM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by K7OED

ARCA Secretary

Meeting Attendees February 16th, 2019

Name	Call Sign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Jim Forney	K6IYK	Yavapai			X	
Tom Fagan	K7DF	CRC				X
Charlie Kotan	K0TAN	LBARA		X		
Dan DeVlieger	KC7MSU	Superstition			X	
Bill McNabb	N7BIL	CARA	X			
Vince Cattolica*	KA7JOI	Kachina		X		
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	X	X		
Lori Cripps	WA7ADI	MMRG		X		
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA		X		
Virgil Silhanek	K7VZ	ARRL				X
Gary Keck	KE7DX	RST		X		
TD Kinnard	N7ISR	ARA			X	
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC		X		
Carl Foster	KB7AZ	OVARC			X	
Andy Lamb	K0EVC	SARA				X
David Bartholomew	AD7DB	NNGRC				X
Keith Thomas	KA6NLS	HARC				X
Jack Lunsford	NT7MM	NADXA		X		
Tom Ramus	WB7OUT	Yuma ARC	X	X		
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	X			
Curt Steger	NA7CS	MARA		X		
Carolyn Krick	K7CK	Western		X		X
Ray Mauldin	N7NGM	Yavapai				X
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN-AZ		X		

Scott Seamans	W7RFI	Yuma ARC				X
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARA	X			
Peter Petrotta	KD7OIW	ARCCC	X			
Gary Lenzi*	W7MIN	EAARS		X		
Vicki Zumwalt	N6KLS	HARC		X		
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL				X
Dick Norton	N6AA	ARRL				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				