

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Prescott Hamfest

Minutes of the ARCA Annual Meeting

June 1, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Bob Howard, W8RH at 11:09 AM. A sign-in list was circulated along with copies of the agenda, draft minutes from the most recent meeting, and the treasurer's report. Introductions of attendees was held – a total of 34 individuals were in attendance with two additional individuals participating via the internet.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse, K7OED:

Draft Minutes of April meeting at April 20th 2019 meeting Devry meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted: Vince Cattolica/KA7JOI from the Kachina club was incorrectly listed as a visitor when he is actually the club delegate. Motion by Dave, N7ZPY, seconded by Gary, KE7DX to approve the minutes as corrected. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: Income since the last meeting was \$3,164.80. Expenses were \$8,093.28 for a current checking balance of \$17,844.22. The Paypal account had a \$50 disbursal to sponsor the Arizona Club plaque in the Arizona QSO Party plaque leaving a balance of \$261.19. The grant fund started with \$5,395.50 and accrued 15 cents in interest. There was a grant disbursal to the Yavapai club of \$1,159.80 leaving a total of \$4,285.95 in the fund. The scholarship fund started with a balance of \$5,395.50 and also accrued 15 cents in interest. There was a \$2,000 scholarship award leaving a balance of \$3,395.65. Total assets including all accounts and equipment are \$29,839.40 with no liabilities. Motion by Dave seconded by N7ZPY, seconded by Gary, KE7DX to accept the report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Bob Howard, W8RH: Bob thanked the Yuma DX Association for wishing to rejoin ARCA and the Arizona Sun Bums Club for wishing to join ARCA. Motion by Lee/K7OED, seconded by Clark KI7TU to accept them as members. He also thanked the Yavapai club and the ARCA club representatives for attending today's meeting, and deferred further remarks until we got to the agenda items.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Steve Miller, W6SDM: Steve asked all clubs to promote the advantages of Arizona amateur radio license plates. Not only are they the primary source of revenue for ARCA grants and scholarships, but from this point forward they will also be very helpful to avoid getting pulled over while operating mobile with the new Arizona distracted driving law.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Doug Mitchell, W7ADD: Doug had no significant issues to report, but asked all members to bring forward their ideas and step up and volunteer to help the organization.

Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY: Jeff thanked the current board for their service, noted that we will be voting in a new board at the end of this meeting, and deferred his remaining remarks until we got to that part of the agenda under new business.

Frequency Coordination Report: Bob, W8RH reported that the Dave, N7ZPY assisted by Brian/AK7F hosted the annual repeater owners meeting because of the absence of Lance/KW7LH due to a broken ankle. There were no significant frequency coordination issues, and Lance was re-elected unanimously to

continue as the chair of the repeater coordination committee. W8RH reminded all clubs that repeaters must be re-coordinated every three years even if there are no issues.

Old Business:

- **Continued discussion of 2019-2020 ARCA Meeting Dates/Sites:** Deferred to new business
- **Grants:** No new requests have been received since the last meeting.
- **Equipment Survey:** No additional input was received since the last meeting. K7OED noted that we will be moving ARCA equipment from the old white trailer to the new gray trailer at the end of the hamfest, and requested that clubs assist in this endeavor. After the white trailer is cleaned out it will be sold, with ARCA affiliated clubs being offered the first chance to purchase. The trailer is 7' x 20' and requires a ¾ ton truck to tow it.

New Business:

- **Sun City HOA Agreement:** The Sun City Grand HOA group has come to agreement with the ham community in its neighborhood on antenna guidelines. The limits are modest and permit wire antennas (no traps) that do not exceed 16' in height and verticals or roof mounted antennas that will not be more than 5' above the roof line. This discussion was just for member club information and no action was required by ARCA.
- **Mid-Summer Meeting Location:** The ARCA constitution requires a mid-summer meeting in the event there is no mid-summer hamfest. At this point it is tentatively scheduled for the Arizona Red Cross building in late July or early August. The site has very good wifi so internet participation at this meeting will be available.
- **Arizona QSO Party:** Gary, KE7DX reminded folks that ARCA is sponsoring the Arizona Club plaque for the Arizona QSO party and encouraged member clubs to participate in the event and submit their results. Further information is at AZQSOPARTY.ORG.
- **Ham of the Year Awards:** WB7RFY reported that even though this is the 50th year of ARCA, we sadly had no nominations for either Ham or Young Ham of the Year. This is the third year we have not had any nominations, and he encouraged member clubs to nominate deserving individuals next year so that their contributions can be recognized.
- **Scholarships:** Sadly, there was only one scholarship application this year. The 2019 ARCA budget had allocated \$5,000 for scholarships for 2019, so the scholarship committee awarded \$2,000 to Sarah Whipple/KI7NMY of the Cochise Amateur Radio Association (CARA) and decided that the remaining \$3,000 should roll over to next year's award. Sarah/KI7NMY was unable to be present, but K7OED will make the presentation to her at a CARA meeting. There are no age or field of study limitation to this scholarship; the only requirement is that the applicant be a licensed operator and nominated by an ARCA club. Subsequent discussion noted the need to better publicize the availability of the scholarship through each of the higher education institutions in the state as well as the ARRL in an attempt to have more applicants next year. The subject was deferred to the new board for their consideration and action in 2019-2020.
- **2019-2020 Meeting Schedule:** There was discussion about potential changes to the ARCA meeting schedule that would move at least one event to the Tucson area. Potential dates are the Oro Valley Middle School in November and the east side Target store in March. Decisions were deferred until the mid-summer meeting.

- **ARRL Wouff-Hong Award:** KE7DX is recruiting bona fine Wouff-Hong members to conduct an award ceremony at the next SW Division Convention in Yuma (since it hasn't been done in Arizona for many years).
- **Governor's Proclamation of Amateur Radio Month:** Virgil/K7VZ reminded all that Governor Ducey signed a proclamation designating June as Amateur Radio Month in Arizona so please take an opportunity to publicize this during Field Day and other activities this month. There is discussion about trying to get Governor Ducey licensed and perhaps do Field Day at the State Capitol next year.

ARCA Board of Directors Annual Elections: WB7RFY advised that the nominating committee has nominated Steve Miller/W6SDM for the position of new ARCA chair, Doug Mitchell/W7ADD for first Vice-Chair, N2TFS for Second Vice-Chair, and Gary Keck/KE7DX for ARCA Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Clark/KI7TU to close the nominations and approve the nominations by acclamation. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried. W8RH will become the past president, K7OED and WB7RFY will no longer be on the board. The treasurer position is an appointed position and N7PVL will continue in this capacity.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBD in late July or early August (date, location and time to be announced via email once a facility is coordinated).

Hamfest Calendar Review:

July/August (TBA): ARCA Meeting in Phoenix Area*
 September 28, 2019: RST Fall Hamfest, Tucson
 October 5, 2019: Tonto ARA Hamfest, Payson
 October 26th, 2019: Copafest, Maricopa*
 November 2, 2019: Harkfest, Congress
 November 9, 2019: OVARC Hamfest, Oro Valley Middle School
 December 7, 2019: Superstition Superfest, Mesa Community College*
 March (TBD) Scottsdale: Tentatively Back at Northwest Community Church
 April (TBD): Devry University, Phoenix
 March 28th, 2020: RST Spring Hamfest, East Tucson Target Store

* ARCA meeting at this event

Motion to adjourn by Gary/KE7DX seconded by Charlie/K0TAN. All approved. None opposed.

12:07 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED
 ARCA Secretary

Meeting Attendees June 1st, 2019

Name	Call Sign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA		X		
Gary Keck	KE7DX	RST		X		
Peter Petrotta	KD7OIW	ARCCC	X			
Mike Childers	K7URK	Scottsdale				X
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC		X		
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	X	X		
Lori Cripps	WA7ADI	MMRG		X		
Curt Steger	NA7CS	MARA	X	X		
Bryce Chanes	KR0CT	CRC	X			
Keith Bruecker	AE7RZ	Western ARC	X		X	
Chuck Jensen	N6VPM	Western ARC				X
Carolyn Krick	K7CK	Western ARC		X		
Virgil Silhanek	K7VZ	ARRL				X
Dan DeVlieger	KC7MSU	Superstition			X	
Reinhard Geissler	K7RGG	CADXA			X	
Clark Jones	KI7TU	ARA		X		
Ed Olague	K5OLA	ATN-AZ	X			
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	X	X		
Mike Boger	W7IJ	ARRL				X
Mark Kesauer	N7KKQ	ADAW		X		
John Marshall	WA7BSR	QCWA	X			
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	Scottsdale		X		
Mike Childers	K7URK	Scottsdale				X
Charlie Kotan*	K0TAN	LBARA		X		

Vince Cattolica*	KA7JOI	Kachina		X		
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS		X		
Brian McCarthy	AK7E	ARA	X			
Don Harrison	KJ7GEB	EAARS				X
Bill Noe	W7PVA	YARC	X			
Pete Firos	N7PF	CARA				X
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA Chair				
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA First Vice-Chair				
Douglas Mitchell	W7ADD	ARCA Second Vice-Chair				
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA Secretary				
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer				
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chair				