

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

DeVry Hamfest
Minutes of the ARCA Meeting
April 20, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Bob Howard, W8RH at 11:07 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 the trailer equipment inventory. Introductions of attendees was held – a total of 21 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 February 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted by Gary, KE7DX that the date of the Arizona QSO party is October 12-13 (not October 13-14). Motion by Walt, NJ8G seconded by Gary, KE7DX 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 \$315.49 including equipment insurance, phone/voicemail, reproduction costs and postage for repeater coordination. Income was \$347.92 from dues, Amazon Smile and a donation from Krogers. An additional \$21,182.00 was received from the state of Arizona for amateur radio license plates. Total assets (accounts, two trailers and other equipment) and liabilities (none) as of April 17th was \$34,467.50. Motion by John, WA7BSR seconded by Norm, AA7OO to accept the report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Bob Howard, W8RH: Bob thanked the AARC and ARCCC for a great and well-attended hamfest, and noted that we are looking forward to the upcoming Prescott Hamfest. He also thanked the ARCA club representatives for attending today's meeting and deferred his further remarks until we got to the agenda items.

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

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Doug Mitchell, W7ADD: Doug was absent and had no report.

Past Chair's report, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY: Jeff again reminded members that applications for ARCA Ham-of-the-Year, Young Ham-of-the-Year, and scholarships are also open and must be submitted by May 1st. Information on the scholarship program is available at the ARCA booth and on the ARCA website at ARCA-AZ.ORG. Thomas, NE7X inquired whether ARCA has approached any of the Arizona universities or community colleges to stimulate applications; Jeff replied that the board is still exploring options on how to best do this. Lee, K7OED added that we are trying to do so in a fashion that would reward amateurs without causing them to have other scholarship awards decremented by the amount of the amateur scholarship. Jeff also reported that we have a prospective slate of nominations for the 2019-2020 term on the ARCA board. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the elections will be held at the June annual meeting in Prescott.

Frequency Coordination Report: Dave, N7ZPY reported that he is not aware of any frequency coordination issues at present. A repeater owners meeting will be held at the Prescott hamfest at 10:00 AM.

Old Business:

- **Continued discussion of 2019-2020 ARCA Meeting Dates/Sites:** See schedule below. The Kachina Club has advised ARCA that they will not be holding a White Mountain Hamfest this year. There are rumors of another group holding a July White Mountain Hamfest, but there is no official decision at this point in time. As a result, the ARCA board has tentatively decided to hold a non-hamfest ARCA meeting somewhere in the Phoenix area in late July or early August in order to transition to the new ARCA board elected at the annual meeting at the Prescott hamfest. The date and location of the July/August meeting will be set at the Prescott annual meeting in the event that no other group decides to hold a July White Mountain hamfest .
- **Equipment Survey:** Since ARCA no longer runs a summer hamfest, we have equipment that is excess to our needs. The small trailer that was previously used to store and transport the Army-surplus tents is no longer needed now that those tents have been donated to the Red Cross, and the 20' car-hauler trailer has other equipment (e.g.; field line marker, tools, file cabinets, space heaters, etc.) that hasn't been used in at least two years. Based on informal feedback from a number of members, it is the board's recommendation to reduce our equipment inventory to only that equipment that is used by member clubs to support hamfest events (golf cart, PA system, tables, ticket drum, etc.), and downsize the current 20's car-hauler trailer to something smaller. A copy of the current equipment inventory was distributed to attendees and will be emailed to all member clubs. Feedback is requested from all clubs NLT than May 30th on what current equipment they think should be retained by ARCA as hamfest support equipment, what equipment their local clubs might have use for, and what equipment should be sold or otherwise disposed of. The intent is to come to closure on a decision during the annual meeting at the Prescott hamfest.
- **Grants and Funding:** A long-standing request from the Yavapai club for a grant to purchase additional APRS equipment to support public service events was discussed. Motion by Chris/N7PVL seconded by Dave, N7ZPY to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,159.80 to the Yavapai club. All in favor, none opposed, with WB7RFY abstaining. Motion carried. Per ARCA grant guidelines, this equipment cannot be transferred to any private individual and ARCA will retain an ownership interest in the equipment for a period of five (5) years from the date equipment is purchased to insure that project is either carried out to completion or re-distributed to another ARCA club should it be necessary. Now that the 2019 plate funding has been received, additional grant requests can be submitted and will be evaluated based on benefit to the greater Arizona ham community. Applications and guidelines are available on the ARCA website.

New Business:

- **Review of Yuma Hamfest:** All members who attended reported that the event was very successful again this year.
- **Review of the Scottsdale Hamfest:** Jeff/WB7RFY reported that in spite of the move to the new location at a high school, it appeared that there was a very good turnout. Some attendees who were not selling (not parked on the school grounds) reported that they difficulty finding parking on the adjacent streets.
- **Review of the Tucson Spring Hamfest:** Gary/KE7DX reported that attendance was good and they filled up both rows on the north side of the Target store. They will hold another hamfest at the end of September and expect another good turnout.

- **Revised 2019 Budget:** The ARCA board recommended a revised 2019 budget based on an increase in revenue received from the Arizona amateur radio License plates. The revised budget would allocate \$5,295.50 to Scholarships, \$5295.50 to Grants, \$5295.50 to ARCA member clubs, and retain the balance in the ARCA operating account. Subsequent discussion included the following:
 - a. If fewer applications were received than would use all of the allocated scholarship funds, larger amounts could be awarded or a second round of applications could be opened.
 - b. Any unused grant money not awarded in 2019 would roll over to 2020.
 - c. If all operating account funds were not needed, they could be reallocated to grants or scholarships later in the year.

Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Norm/AA7OO to approved the revised 2019 budget. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- **Sponsorship Requests:** ARCA received requests for sponsorship of the Tucson Spring and Prescott Summer Hamfests; they were previously approved by a board vote.
- **ARCA Trailers:** ARCA currently owns two trailers:
 - a. 1995 Tandem Axle Spirit 8.5' x 20' - GVWR 7,000 lbs. This trailer has a cross-bar full ladder frame and was built as a car-hauler. It also has a rear ramp, side door, plywood floor and walls, roof vent, and spare tire. Additionally, it has electric brakes, an equalizer hitch, inside light, front cabinets, a backup camera, and is wired for outside antennas and portable air conditioner. This trailer has been used to haul ARCA equipment for a number of years, but cannot be towed by light-duty pickups (requires ¾ ton or larger).
 - b. 2014 Single Axle Look 6'x10' - GVRW 3000 lbs. This trailer has a rear ramp, side door, plywood floor and walls, a roof vent and spare tire. This trailer was previously used to haul our Army-surplus GP-Medium tents, but is now surplus to our needs.

ARCA has received an offer of \$2,000 from Mark, N7KKQ to purchase the 6x10 trailer. Mark also owns a different trailer he has offered to sell to ARCA for \$4,000. This trailer is a 2008 tandem-axle 14' x 7' (6' inside height and can be used to carry the ARCA golf cart). It also includes a rear ramp and side barn door, 5 brand new tires (rated at 81 MPH vs. 65 MPH for normal trailer tires) on 4 brand new rims (the new spare is on a used rim), a new equalizer hitch, electric brakes on all 4 (not just 2) wheels that were serviced recently by Al's RV, a new breakaway battery, new side marker lights, bed liner on floor and sides, and a solid roof (can accept solar panels or antennas). This trailer is in much better condition (it is 13 years newer), is 6' shorter, 1.5' narrower and significantly lighter than our current 20' trailer, and can be towed with a standard ½ ton pickup.

Motion by Dave, N7ZPY seconded by Stephen, KE7TLS to sell the 6x10 trailer to N7KKQ for \$2000, and to purchase his 14' trailer for \$4000. This would be a near-term cost to ARCA of \$2000, which would be more than offset by the future sale of the 20' car hauler trailer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

- **Arizona QSO Party:** Gary, KE7DX advised that the QSO party organizers are looking for sponsorships of plaques for each contest category. Motion by Gary, K7GH seconded by Lee, K7OED to provide \$50 from the operating account to sponsor a plaque. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Hamfest Calendar Review:

May 4, 2019 – Cochise Hamfest – Sierra Vista

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

July/August (TBA): ARCA Meeting in Phoenix Area*

September 28, 2019: Tucson 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

* ARCA meeting at this event

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Prescott Hamfest, June 1, 2019, 11:00 AM, ERAU

Motion to adjourn by Norm, AA7OO seconded by Thomas, NE7X. All approved. None opposed.

12:13 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED

ARCA Secretary

Meeting Attendees April 20th, 2019

Name	Call Sign	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA		X		
Gary Keck	KE7DX	RST		X		
Peter Petrotta	KD7OIW	ARCCC	X			
Jim Felkey	N7BBS	W7ASC/ARRL		X		
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC		X		
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	X			
Lori Cripps	WA7ADI	MMRG		X		
Curt Steger	NA7CS	MARA		X		
TD Kinnard	N7ISR	ARA			X	
Stephen Thomas	KE7TLS	ANSR	X			
Norm Johnson	AA7OO	MARCA				X
Rheinhard Geissler	K7RGG	CADXA				X
JD Smaylis	KF7VOX	Superstition			X	
Ed Olague	K5OLA	ATN-AZ	X			
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	X			
John Marshall	WA7BSR	QCWA		X		
Mark Kesauer	N7KKQ	ADAW		X		
Mike Bales*	KC7GTY	CARA		X		
Charlie Kotan*	K0TAN	LBARA		X		
Vince Cattolica*	KA7JOI	Kachina		X		
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA Chair				
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA First Vice-Chair				
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA Secretary				
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer				
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chair				