

# AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA

## MEETING MINUTES

*26 October 2019, Copafest, Maricopa*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Steve Miller, W6SDM at 11:15LT. A sign-in list was circulated along with copies of the treasurer's report. A total of 24 individuals were in attendance, with an additional 2 individuals participating via the internet.

**Secretary's Report** (*Gary Keck, KE7DX*): Draft Minutes of the July 20, 2019 meeting held at the Phoenix American Red Cross were distributed prior to the meeting, but not printed for review. Agenda for today's meeting likewise distributed prior to the meeting, but not printed. Secretary neglected his duties to print the documents and this error will be rectified for future meetings. Secretary noted that the draft minutes have the title "Meeting Agenda" and that the title needs to be changed to "Meeting Minutes". Motion to approve minutes as distributed and amended made by Lee, K7OED, seconded by Tony, W9MT. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** (*Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*): Both current and fiscal year reports were presented. Current report showed Operating Account closing balance of \$13,630.52, Paypal Account had a closing balance of \$253.64, Grant Fund had a closing balance of \$4,236.22, and the Scholarship Fund had a closing balance of \$3,395.98. All closing balances are as of 24 October 2019. The Balance Sheet as of 24 October 2019 showed total equity of \$25,778.85. Fiscal Year Report as of 31 August 2019 showed income of \$45,312.03, expenses of \$26,187.09, total increase for the year of \$19,124.94. Motion by Dave, N7ZPY, seconded by Lee, K7OED to accept the report as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report** (*Steve Miller, W6SDM*): One of the things I'd like to do is to recognize clubs that promote the hobby and provide services to the amateur community. Arizona Repeater Association (ARA) keeps a well-managed VHF/UHF repeater network used by the state's amateur community, incorporated 1967. Cal Fire has stated that amateur radio is not as relevant as it used to be. Communicating our service activities through publicity channels (TV, radio, the press) will help to minimize problems with the public and our public officials.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Report** (*Doug Mitchell, W7ADD*): Get hamfest information to ARCA so we can distribute the information throughout the state. Encourage non-ARCA clubs to join us, the more organizations we have, the stronger our voice will be heard.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Report** (*Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS*): Not asked to report.

**Past Chair Report** (*Bob Howard, W8RH*): Thanks everyone for coming out to Copafest 2019. Weather was great, balloon launch went off perfectly. It looks like everybody had a great time.

**Frequency Coordination Report:** Dave, N7ZPY, reported the frequency coordination is going well. 440MHz coordination passed to Brian McCarthy, AK7F. Trying to streamline the database. Please send your repeater updates at least every 2 years.

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### Old Business:

**ARCA Trailer Rehab Opportunity:** ARCA is looking for a club/clubs interested in re-outfitting the 1995 white 20ft carhauler trailer for EMCOMM/Field Day/Demo use. To be listed publicly for sale after December meeting if no clubs are interested.

**2020 Meeting Schedule:** Next ARCA meeting will be at the Superstition Superfest in Mesa on December 7, followed by the March 28, 2020 meeting at the RST Tucson Spring Hamfest. At the December meeting we will discuss future 2020 meetings.

### New Business

**Ham of the Year/Young Ham of the Year/Scholarship Awareness:** Nominations should be submitted as early as possible. Don't wait until 2020 to get your nominations in. Submit nominations by email and hardcopy.

**ARRL Library Book Sets:** ARCA encourages member clubs to consider taking advantage of the ARRL special sale on the ARRL standard set of books for club use or public library donation. ARCA can fund requests from member clubs through the grant program. Suggestion made that ARCA have a brochure with a list of services that ARCA provides to member clubs.

**New Ham Welcome Kits:** Member clubs are encouraged to hand out welcome kits at VE sessions, club meetings, public demonstrations, etc. ARCA can provide materials for state/national/international level. It is up to individual member clubs to provide local information: area clubs, repeaters, nets, events, include contact information, etc. ARCA goal to have material available at the next meeting.

**Special Merit Award Discussion:** Suggestion to re-establish special merit awards for people who dedicate their time to public awareness of amateur radio. Bring up notable people/activities to the ARCA Board Members.

**University of Arizona ARC Grant Request:** Grant request received at the meeting. Gary, N7GSG, of UAARC explained the grant request being proposed would be for student activities and would include an antenna analyzer and antennas for portable operation. ARCA board will review the request and consider it at the next meeting.

### Calendar Review: (\* denotes ARCA Meeting at this Event)

December 7, 2019 – Superstition Superfest, Mesa \*

January 11, 2020 – Thunderbird Hamfest, Glendale

February 14-15, 2020 – Yuma Hamfest & ARRL SW Division Convention, Yuma

March 28, 2020 – RST Tucson Spring Hamfest, Tucson \*

September 26, 2020 – RST Tucson Fall Hamfest, Tucson

**Next Meeting 1100LT:** December 7, 2019, Superstition Hamfest, Mesa

**Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn. John WA7BSR seconded. All approved, none opposed.

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Callsign</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alt Del</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Visitor</i>
Patty Wilt						X
Lee Ilse	K7OED	CARA	X			
Ingrid Geissler	W7ISG	CADXA				X
Reinhard Geissler	K7RGG	AARC		X		
Frank Engstrom	KB7IQ	ARCCC				X
Ron Peters	WB9EXL	SPRAG				X
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	X		X	
Mark Steel	K17RB	ARCCC				X
Dan DeVliieger	KC7MSU	Superstition ARC		X		
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	Yavapai ARC				X
Gary Grindle	N7GSG	U of A ARC			X	
TD Kennard	N7ISR	ARA		X		
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC	X			
Michael Bales	KC7GTY	CARA				X
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS	X			
Tony Bogusz	W9MT	Catalina RC	X			
John Marshall	WA7BSR	QCWA			X	
George Hogan	K7GTH	MARA				X
*Anthony Schlecht	KG7YTR	U of A ARC	X			
*Charlie Kotan	K0TAN	LBARA	X			
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA Chairperson, Present				
Doug Mitchell	N7ADD	ARCA 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Present				
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, Present				
Gary Keck	KE7DX	ARCA Secretary, Present				
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer, Present				
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA Past Chairperson, Present				

\*Denotes on-line attendance

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