

AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA

MEETING MINUTES

17 October 2020 via GoToMeeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Steve Miller, W6SDM at 11:00 AM MST. The attendance list was collected via GoToMeeting Logins. 32 individuals were in attendance participating via the internet and phone. The Chairperson reminded everyone about on-line meeting protocol and asked that motions, seconds, and comment request be made in the chat box and chair will recognize. Reminded all use name and call when making motions/seconds and to turn off cameras except when recognized to speak to save bandwidth. All voting will be done by calling for objections only.

Secretary's Report (*Gary Keck, KE7DX*): Draft Minutes of the July 27, 2020 meeting are available in the DropBox (link sent out with invite). Request for additions, corrections, or deletions. Motion by Lee Ilse, K7OED to approve. Correction to minutes by Doug Besemer, K0BPL – spelling error on page 2. Motion amended by Lee, K7OED to approve as corrected. Second by Dave Hall, N7ZPY. No objections. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (*Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*): The treasury report for period ending 15 October 2020 was shown on screen and is available for download in DropBox (link was sent with the meeting announcement). The report was shown on screen during the meeting. Report showed a closing balances of \$18,129.24 in the Operating Account, \$136.91 in the Paypal Account, \$9,698.63 in the Grant Fund, and \$6,358.26 in the Scholarship Fund. ARCA's total Equity is \$37,785.06. Motion to approve – Dave Hall, N7ZPY. Second – Lee Ilse, K7OED. No objections. Motion carried.

A report of outstanding checks Plate Fund Sharing to the clubs was shown. Three clubs – Superstition ARC, Yuma ARC, and YARHO – have 2019 checks that have not been cashed. Eight clubs have not cashed 2020 checks. Motion made by Douglas, W7ADD to write off 2019 checks – give 90 days and then cancel current checks. Second Charlie Z, N2TFS. Discussion followed regarding how to handle these checks and putting “Void After” notice on checks.

Chair amended motion to cancel checks from 2019, give 90 days for 2020 checks, and then cancel those checks. Opposed – Gary Keck, KE7DX – proposed we follow bank 180 days protocol. Discussion followed. Chair further amended motion to cancel year old checks, give 90 days for current checks, and future checks be stamped with “Void after 90 Days.” Second by Bob Howard, W8RH. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair's Report (*Steve Miller, W6SDM*): AZ QSO Party was successful. Participated a little. This was the first year that ARCA co-sponsored the event. Comment on the QSO Party from Alan, AC2K – Bill Clark reported at the RST meeting that they had a record number of participants and a record number of logs received already.

Steve, W6SDM – There is a proposal for rulemaking by FCC which would levy a fee of \$50 for license renewals, new licenses, changes, etc. FCC says it's a Congressional mandate. I have personally written the ARRL AZ Section Manager, ARRL SW Division Manager, and ARRL headquarters on this issue. No response as yet. Encouraging all to bring themselves up to date on this issue and write your congressman and let them know how you feel about it.

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1st Vice Chair Report (*Doug Mitchell, W7ADD*): Good to see everyone's initials on screen. Keep us updated on your hamfests.

2nd Vice Chair Report (*Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS*): No requests for equipment. HARK borrowed the ticket drum and has returned it. Anyone need anything, please let us know.

Past Chair Report (*Bob Howard, W8RH*): A few hamfests will be taking place – Superstition will hold a Pizza Party at Organ Pipe Pizza in Mesa and there is an event in Show Low.

Frequency Coordination Report: No one present for report.

Old Business

Short Term Items: None

On-line Meeting Report: (*Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*) July meeting had 41 people in attendance. There are 32 attendees today via on-line and phone. Thanks for attending. GoToMeeting is working well. No complaints.

Trailer & Equipment Report: (*Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS*) All are in Prescott Valley at Jeff Hanna's (WB7RFY) house. Will do an inventory when up there.

Membership Reminder: (*Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*) Chris N7PVL reminded everyone that ARCA membership year runs January 1 through December 31 with dues being due. A renewal form is required so that ARCA records may be updated. Hoping to send out form with Minutes Draft.

(*Steve, W6SDM*) It is important that form is filled out and roster provided to insure your club remains eligible for annual contributions, grants and awards and so we can keep our files updated. Names and call signs only on the roster – no other information is needed.

Comment: Lee Ilse, K7OED noted that the minutes show the date for the Cochise Hamfest as tentative. It is definitely the 1st of May. The ARRL page is not correct. There is no 7 November Hamfest. The November date is local swapfest. Don't list on calendar.

New Business

Introduction of Officers: (*Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*) The officers for the 2020-2021 term are as follows:

Chairperson:	Steve Miller, W6SDM
1 st Vice Chairperson:	Douglas Mitchell, W7ADD
2 nd Vice Chairperson:	Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS
Secretary:	Gary Keck, KE7DX
Treasurer:	Christine Kesauer, N7PVL

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Steve, W6SDM reported on an inquiry from US Congresswoman Debbie Lesko regarding Ham Radio Week wanting to know if there was an interest in a Ham Radio Operator Day. She was invited to the meeting, but could not attend due to prior commitments. Her husband is a ham in the West Valley.

Grant Application: Grant application was received from the Maricopa Amateur Radio Association for help funding MESH network equipment. Curt Steger NA7CS, MARA President and Delegate to ARCA, gave a presentation on what they were doing, the reasons, and why they were requesting funds. Lively discussion followed regarding who will benefit from the system, proposed frequency to use.

Motion by Gary Keck, KE7DX to approve the MARA grant and amended to read Approve the MARA grant and recommend the investigation of 5.8 GHz equipment for expansion. Seconded by Charlie, KOTAN.

Second Motion made by Lee Ilse, K7OED to approve the grant request with the stipulation that it be 5.8 GHz rather than 2.4 GHz new equipment that is purchased with ARCA grant funds. No second made.

Vote on Gary's amended motion to approve the MARA grant and recommend the investigation of 5.8 GHz equipment for expansion – 2 opposed, KOTAN & ?. Motion carried.

Lee Ilse, K7OED moved that all future grants for MESH equipment must be for 5.8 GHz. Second Dave Hall, N7ZPY. Vote called – 3 opposed, WB9KMO, W8RH & NL7FQ. Motion Carried.

NADXA Mobile Operating Unit: Bob Wertz NF7E of the Northern AZ DX Association gave a presentation with photos on the trailer purchased from ARCA and the improvements they have done.

Scholarship Guidelines Revision: (*Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*) Scholarship guidelines are in DropBox with changes in red. Motion to approve revision by Dave Hall, N7ZPY. Second Lee Ilse, K7OED. None opposed. Motion carried. Gary Keck, KE7DX, recommended striking Saturday night dinner from guidelines.

AZ QSO Party: Gary Keck, KE7DX read a prepared statement from Bill Clarke K6WS.

ANSR Announcement: Stephen, KE7TLS announced that they are still flying on October 24th with student pay loads. Expected launch 0900. Full info posted in the chat box.

(Information from chat box: High Altitude Balloon Flight Announcement
ANSR will be flying a high altitude Balloon on Sat Oct 24th, expected launch is at 0900. In addition to flying student payloads, we will be flying our crossband repeater and invite local HAMs to work the balloon when not in use for chase support

INPUT: 145.560 PL 162.2

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see our website for updates

<http://www.ansr.org>)

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Charlie Kotan K0TAN – London Bridge Amateur Radio Association is concerned they might not be able to maintain percentage ARRL members required for their insurance.

LBARA participated in the AZ Shake Out exercise to test preparedness should there be a major earthquake. The exercise was very successful.

Lee Ilse, K7OED announced a MARS exercise taking place on 21 and 24 October on Channel 1 on 60 meters at noon MST.

Calendar Review: (Chris, N7PVL) See Calendar at end of minutes. Calendar was reviewed. List reflects the approximate timing of events not yet scheduled. No in-person meetings are planned at this time.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 11:00 AM MST on 12 December 2020 via GoToMeeting

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn – Dave Hall, N7ZPY. Second - Lee Ilse, K7OED. No objections, motion carried. Adjourned at 12:33 PM MST

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Kesauer, N7PVL
ARCA POC/Treasurer

Calendar: December 5, 2020 – Superstition Superfest – Mesa
February 19-20, 2021 – Yuma Hamfest – Yuma
March 13-14, 2021 – QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo – qsotodayhamexpo.com
*March 2021 – SpringFest – Scottsdale
*March 27, 2021 – RST Tucson Spring Hamfest – Tucson
*April 2021 – April Hamfest at DeVry – Phoenix
May 1, 2021 – Cochise Hamfest – Sierra Vista
September 25, 2021 – Copafest – Marana
*November 2021 – Oro Valley Hamfest – Marana
*November 6, 2021 – HARKfest – Congress

NOTE: * = Not yet scheduled

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