

# AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA

## MEETING MINUTES

*25 July 2020, GoToMeeting ID 202-880-397*

**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. A total of 41 individuals were in attendance participating via the internet. The Chairperson reminded everyone about on-line meeting protocol and stated all voting will be done by calling for objections only.

**Secretary's Report** (*Gary Keck, KE7DX*): Draft Minutes of the March 28, 2020 meeting were sent out this morning at 9:45 a.m. and are available on Dropbox (link in chat room). Request for additions, corrections, or deletions. Gary stated there were two corrections – #1 under New Business – it should read Membership Compliance not Membership Complaints and #2 in Attendees List – Alan Komenski AC2K RST Delegate attended by phone and was added to list. Motion to approve as corrected – Douglas Mitchell W7ADD. Second Lee Ilse K7OED. One objection – Andy Keels KD4ABB, haven't received minutes. Objection retracted, minutes found. Gary apologized for lateness of minutes. No further objections. Motion carried.

Chair thanked Gary for his efforts providing minutes.

**Treasurer's Report** (*Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*): The treasury report for period ending 24 July 2020 were made available for download in DropBox. A link was sent with the meeting announcement and was posted in the chat room. The report was shown on screen during the meeting. Report showed a closing balances of \$23,741.16 in the Operating Account, \$160.05 in the Paypal Account, \$9,689.39 in the Grant Fund, and \$6,358.03 in the Scholarship Fund. ARCA's total Equity is \$43,420.12. Objection to the report by Gary Keck KE7DX. Date on report is wrong, should be 25 July not 24 July. Chris explained date is always the date the report was prepared, not the day of the meeting. If any transactions were to take place between the date it was prepared and the meeting, the report would be in accurate. Objection was retracted. Motion to approve – Lee, K7OED. Second – Stephen KE7TLS. No further objections. Motion carried.

Chris also showed a report of outstanding checks that were issued for the 2019 Plate Fund Sharing to the clubs. She asked that the clubs on the list please investigate and cash their check. Checks for the 2020 Plate Fund Sharing will go out shortly. Questions were asked by the Superstition ARC & Catalina RC and were answered.

**Past Chair Report** (*Bob Howard, W8RH*): Not much to report. Support your local club. Get on the radio and enjoy Amateur Radio and stay safe.

**Chair's Report** (*Steve Miller, W6SDM*): Amateur Radio is the original social distancing and been practicing it for 150 years. There was excellent attendance on-line for the March meeting and at this meeting. It's good that we have this technology.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Report** (*Doug Mitchell, W7ADD*): Looking forward to what's going to happen in coming years. Reach out to those you haven't heard from for a while to see how they are doing.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Report** (*Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS*): Charlie was attending via phone and was not able to communicate. Report on Equipment on chat room and will be under old business.

### Old Business:

**Short Term Items:** Request for caller to identify.

**On-line Meeting Report:** March meeting saw 37 individuals in attendance. This meeting has a total of 41 attendees via on-line and phone. Great attendance. GoToMeeting appears to be a very viable alternative.

**Trailer & Equipment Report:** ARCA was happy to be able to find a new home for the old trailer and we look forward to seeing what the Northern AZ DX Assoc is able to do with it as they have plans to use it as a portable station. All other equipment is still on hand, but has not been requested due to cancellation of hamfests. We look forward to supporting hamfests when they start up again.

**Membership Reminder:** Chris N7PVL reminded everyone that ARCA membership year runs January 1 through December 31 with dues being due by December 31. A renewal form is required so that ARCA records may be updated. A roster of club members is also required. Names and call signs only – no other information is needed.

### New Business

**Microsoft 365:** Microsoft 365 (formerly Office 365) is available through ARCA's Tech Soup account for ARCA volunteers for just \$36.00 a year. This license would feature both apps resident on the computer and the cloud versions also. Apps may be put on up to 5 devices. Cloud versions of the apps are available with no charge. Affiliated clubs are eligible to participate. Send email if interested.

The Repeater Coordinators had need for several licenses for their use in preparing their lists. They purchased a different version and ARCA reimbursed them.

**AZ QSO Party:** Steve W6SDM gave a short history of the AZ QSO Party which was started in 1966 by faculty and students at Scottsdale High School. In 1975 the Motorola ARC took over the management. From 2009 to 2018, Gary Keck KE7DX managed the event. Bill Clark took over in 2018 and continues to manage the QSO Party. In conversations with Gary and Bill, it was discussed that ARCA should be the primary sponsor (with ARRL secondary) since it is an Arizona event and is what ARCA does – promote Amateur Radio in the state of Arizona. It was determined that ARCA should pick up the expense of the QSO Party. Bill agreed to continue to manage the event.

A motion was made by Lee, K7OED and amended to read:

“Budget \$500 annually for the Arizona QSO Party with the ability for the QSO Party manager to come back if there are contingencies that exceed that amount.”

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Seconded by Gary Keck KE7DX, Douglas W7ADD, and Walt NJ8G. Motion carried.

**Awards Presentations:** Introduction of the awards, in the form of reading the letter that went with the ballots to previous recipients, was made by Chris N7PVL. Three candidates were nominated for each award. Steve W6SDM then presented the awards.

The 2020 Ham of the Year was awarded to Angie Buchanan N7EMB who was nominated by the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society and the Arizona Sun Bums Amateur Radio Club.

The 2020 Young Ham of the Year was awarded to Annika Smith KE7JOY who was nominated by the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society and the Radio Society of Tucson

Pictures of the plaques were shown on screen.

**Special Presentation:** A special presentation was made by Brian McCarthy AK7F of the Arizona Repeater Society. Brian presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Mark (N7KKQ) and Christine (N7PVL) Kesauer for their service and dedication to Amateur Radio and the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona. A plaque was presented to Christine.

**Scholarship:** The recipient of the 2020 ARCA Scholarship is Charles Loftus, Jr KI7DUV. Charles was awarded a check for \$2,500 and a certificate. (A picture of the framed certificate was shown on screen.)

**Election of Officers:** Present officers have agreed to continue in their current offices. Nominations from the floor were called for. Andy Keels KD4ABB expressed a desire to run for chair if someone would nominate him. Discussion ensued regarding if he was eligible. It was pointed out that the usual procedure was for new board members come in as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair or Secretary and make their way up through the offices to learn the “ropes.” Andy pointed out it was not in the by-laws. Since he is a delegate from Superstition ARC, it was decided he was eligible to run. He nominated himself and Vicky N6KLS seconded the nomination. Lee K7OED moved to close nominations, seconded by Dave N7ZPY.

Because there were two candidates for Chairperson, a roll call vote of the delegates or alternates was taken. Results were 19 for Steve W6SDM and 1 for Andy. The balance of the slate was approved by motion from Lee, K7OED – seconded Walt NJ8G

Officers for 2020-2021 are as follows:

Chairperson – Steve Miller W6SDM  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson – Douglas Mitchell W7ADD  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Charlie Zurenko N2TFS  
Secretary – Gary Keck KE7DX  
Past Chairperson – Bob Howard W8RH  
Treasurer – Christine Kesauer N7PVL

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**Calendar Review:** The upcoming events were presented and discussed (See list on next page). Due to COVID 19, many events have been canceled and the listed events may not take place. Douglas W7ADD asked if we could list the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of next year on the calendar as well to make it easier to plan ahead. Chris N7PVL stated it could be done and would work to make that happen, if possible.

There is a Virtual Hamfest scheduled for August timeframe. Link to their site was posted in the chat room.

**Frequency Coordination Report:** Inadvertently skipped in the agenda. Brian McCarthy AK7F reported for the committee. Their annual meeting was held this morning with very low attendance. They are currently doing record conciliation. Clubs are urged to send in their updated coordination forms so they could stay within the 2 year requirement for updating. There are currently a few interference issues apparently from hot spots.

A question was asked by Norm K7NWF regarding when the New Ham Welcome kits would be available. Kits are available now. Send an email to request.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be at 11:00 AM MST on October 17, 2020 via GoToMeeting

**Adjourn:** A motion & second was made to adjourn. No objections, motion carried. Adjourned at 12:21 PM MST

**Calendar:** September 26, 2020 – RST Tucson Fall Hamfest, Tucson  
October 10, 2020 – ATN Surprise Hamfest – Surprise  
October 24, 2020 – Copafest, Maricopa  
November 7, 2020 – Cochise Hamfest – Sierra Vista  
November 7, 2020 – HARKfest – Congress  
November 14, 2020 – Oro Valley Hamfest – Marana  
December 5, 2020 – Superstition Superfest – Mesa

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### Meeting Attendees

**Total Attendees (includes organizers)**

41

Attendee Name	
Reinhard Geissler, K7RGG CADXA alt	Alternate
Steve Miller, W6SDM ARCA Chairperson	
Charlie Zurenko - 2ND VICE CHAIR - N2TFS	
Lori Cripps WA7EDI Mingus Mountain Repeater Group	Delegate
Gary Hamman K7GH Arizona Amateur Radio Club	Delegate
Bill Martin AI0D	Visitor
Vicki Zumwalt N6KLS NADRS	Delegate
Brian Hubbard KF7DPC SuperstitionARC Treasurer	
Walt Reinert NJ8G TBARC	Delegate
Ken Gourley KG6T [UA ARC Pres]	Delegate
Mike Boger- W7IJ- AZ Sun Bums ARC-Delegate	Delegate
Alan komenski AC2K - RST	Delegate
Andy Keels KD4ABB President Superstition ARC	Delegate
Brett Irwin KJ7IXH (NCARC President)	Delegate
Lee Weitzel K0CCU Secretary/Treasurer W7atn	Alternate
Brian McCarthy, AK7F, ARA President	
Jim Bogansky N6GWS	Visitor ?
Tony Bogusz, W9MT, Catalina Radio Club (Tucson)	Delegate
ARCA - Christine N7PVL Treasurer	
Lee Ilse K7OED Cochise ARA Rep	Delegate
Bob Howard W8RH Past Chairperson	
T.D. Kennard, N7ISR - ARA Alt Del	Delegate
Gary KE7DX Vid Only Secretary	
Don Sears N7PLL VVARA President	Delegate
Jeff Hanna WB7RFY Yavapai ARC Del.	Delegate
Tom Cloonan NL7FQ Cornville- Visitor	Visitor
Clayton Jacobs, KJ6QJS, ANSR President	Delegate
Anthony Schlecht KG7YTR (VP K7UAZ)	
jim Felkey n7bbs CARL	Delegate
Raymond Sikora N0ADU	Visitor
Norm Fasoletos K7NWF CHRC VP	Alternate
Curt Steger - NA7CS, President Maricopa Amateur Radio	Delegate
Stephen Thomas KE7TLS ANSR - VP	Alternate
Bob Hollister, N7INK, Cochise ARA, Alternate	Alternate

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Curt Laumann K7ZOO - Univ of Arizona Delegate	** Not on list as Delegate
Charles Kotan - KØTAN LBARA Delegate	Delegate
Gary Lenzi W7MIN EAARS Delegate	Delegate
Dave Hall, N7ZPY MARCA Pres/Del	Delegate
Douglas Mitchell W7ADD 1st Vice Chairperson	
Doug ?????	
James Roeder KF5BMW	