



## October 30, 2021 MEETING MINUTES Maricopa, Arizona

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Lee Ilse, K7OED at 10:58 AM AZ time. The attendance list was collected via GoToMeeting Logins and Copafest attendees. A total of 27 individuals were in attendance participating in person and another 9 via the internet. The total attendance was 36 with 4 visitors. Lee then had the attendees and visitors in attendance introduce themselves and Lee introduced the GoToMeeting attendees.

**Chair's Report:** Lee reminded everyone that this is the first time we have had an in-person meeting in the last two years because of COVID, and thanked ARCA past chairs Bob Howard/W8RH and Steve Miller/W6SDM for their leadership and helping ARCA in this trying time. Lee announced that Steve Miller will stay on the board as the ARCA past chair and leverage his vast ARCA experience. Christine Kesauer/ N7PVL has moved to Sacramento, CA to be with family, but has agreed to stay on the board as appointed treasurer and help ARCA with her many years of invaluable experience. A show of appreciation for Bob, Steve and Chris was given by the membership. Lee then reported what ARCA has done and has been doing these past couple of years. ARCA has conducted 6 virtual ARCA membership meetings and a variety of board meetings, ARCA has had elections twice, sold the large trailer to the Northern Arizona DX association, and sponsored the Arizona QSO party twice. ARCA has also made financial contributions to the member clubs and issued 2,500 dollars grants for equipment and materials and a storage shed, and issued 5000 dollars in scholarships. Elections were held at the June annual meeting. Lee Ilse/K7OED was elected Chairperson, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS as first vice-chair, Gary Hamman/K7GH as second vice-chair and Charlie Kotan/K0TAN as Secretary. Charlie Kotan immediately resigned. During the ARCA board meeting in July, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV was appointed to fill the vacant Secretary position per the ARCA bylaws. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting Lee, Christine and Ray changed the ARCA mailbox arrangements to forward ARCA mail to Ray's home address so that Ray doesn't have to drive halfway across the metro area just to check the mailbox). Also at the meeting, the board reviewed the input we had received on the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws, and we accepted some changes that were proposed. The board also decided to get rid of the ARCA cell phone as there is no need for this phone now. Lee then turned the microphone to the rest of the board.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair:** Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS thanked the Maricopa ARC for hosting the ARCA meeting. Charlie said ARCA is ready to support other ham clubs in their Hamfests. So, if any club is going to have a hamfest in the near future let ARCA know. Send the request to [arca@arca.az.org](mailto:arca@arca.az.org).

**Secretary's Report:** Ray Vasquez/K4RMV spoke about this being his first meeting and feeling optimistic about ARCA's future and the ability to increase the numbers in the ham community. Lee mentioned the minutes for the June meeting were distributed to everyone. Dave Hall/N7ZPY moved

to accept the minutes as is and Bob Howard/W8RH seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the membership.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair:** The third board member to speak was Gary Hamman/K7GH and he talked about being glad to be at the meeting and happy to have Chris/N7PVL remain as treasurer. Gary also discussed what was wrong with the equipment. Lee then summarized the comments of Charlie, Gary and Ray for the online attendees because the online attendees were having difficulty hearing the comments.

**Outgoing Past Chair:** Bob Howard/W8RH said that during his tenure the pandemic hit. He was very worried that online meetings would not work, but as the year went on the meetings were well attended. ARCA was able to accomplish nominations for ham of the year, young ham of the year and scholarships. This showed that ARCA is a very resilient organization.

**Treasurers Report:** Since there were no printed copies of the treasurers report available, Lee asked Chris to summarize the report. Lee displayed the report on screen during the meeting. Report showed a closing balance of \$22,557.07 in the Operating Account \$222.39 in the Paypal Account, \$8,770.86 in the Grant Fund, and \$9,130.36 in the Scholarship Fund. ARCA's Total Equity is \$43,079.92.

Dave Hall/N7ZPY moved to accept the report and Gary Keck/KE7DX seconded, and the membership approved the report.

**Frequency Coordination Report:** Dave Hall/N7ZPY reported that not much has changed. The coordinators are busy with other work and if any person knows of anyone who has a repeater that is not coordinated, please report them to the appropriate coordinator. There are no frequencies available in the VHF and UHF range so if you want a repeater look into the 900MHz range. There is a lot of room there. Lee then mentioned that repeaters need to be coordinated every 3 years but 2 years are preferred.

### **Old Business:**

**a. Constitution & Bylaws Revision:** Lee reminded all that this is an issue that has been reviewed and revision have been distributed to the members. The revisions are minor. Dave Hall/N7ZPY moved to accept the bylaws and constitution as amended. Gary Hamman/K7GH seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**b. ARCA Equipment /Trailer Storage:** The trailer is presently stored in Prescott Valley and is very difficult to get to for most of the clubs. The board is trying to find a location in the valley to make it more accessible to clubs. Lee mentioned a location that might be suitable, but the board will continue to investigate this situation and determine a best location for the clubs to access the trailer. This will be reported to the members in the future.

**c. Other business as raised by Members:** There was none.

### **New Business:**

**a. New Club Applications:** We have application from 3 clubs to join ARCA. These clubs are the Southern AZ DX, Quartzsite and Yuma County Jeep Posse. They have paid their fees and have the required number of membership. Per ARCA bylaws the membership has to approve the applications. Dave Hall/N7ZPY made a motion to accept the 3 clubs and Bob Howard/W8RH seconded. The motion was passed.

**b. Hamfest Report - Radio Society of Tucson:** RST had a hamfest in September and had a very successful hamfest. RST will have a room for an ARCA meeting next year in September.

**c. Hamfest Report - Scottsdale:** Scottsdale ARC had a Hamfest in October, and it also was very successful. This was SARC's first hamfest in October and it exceeded expectations due to pandemic concerns.

**d. Membership Renewals:** Lee reminded the members that ARCA membership expires at the end of the December and ARCA will not have another meeting before then. Lee urged all clubs to send in their renewals before then.

**e. Transition to Digital Forms:** Lee advised the membership that we have auto forwarding of the ARCA snail mail to Ray K4RMV. For the time being we will have an ARCA mail box address. But all the membership renewals and applications, ham of the year applications, and scholarship applications will now be handled online. ARCA does not have PayPal payment method up and running yet, but will try to have it by the end of the year. This is not a guarantee, but ARCA will work hard to do it by then.

**f. Annual Meeting Location and Format:** Lee mentioned that we do not have any meetings scheduled over the summer because there are no Hamfests scheduled over the summer. ARCA by laws require the annual summer meeting to be held during this period. ARCA would like to have an alternate meeting location instead of having the meeting in the valley. ARCA would like to get members idea of where else to have a meeting outside the valley. Lee then asked for a show of hands of what the members thought of having a meeting outside the valley. Lee asked the membership if this was a good idea or bad idea. The membership present showed all thought this was a good idea. Lee asked if anyone has a good idea of where to have this meeting, please send in the suggestion to [arca@arca-az.org](mailto:arca@arca-az.org).

**g. Other new business a Raised by Members:** There was none.

**Calendar Review:** Lee then went over the upcoming Hamfests and meetings.

(\* = meeting dates)

Nov 6	HARKfest	Congress
Nov 13	OVARC	Marana
Dec 4	Superstition	Mesa
* Jan 15	Thunderbird	Glendale
* Feb 18-19	SW DIV	Yuma
Mar 16	SARC	Scottsdale
Mar 26	RST	Tucson
* Apr 16	AARC/ARCCC	DeVry
May 14	Yavapai	Prescott
* Jul (TBD)	ARCA Annual Meeting	Location TBD

It was mentioned that at the Superstition hamfest there will not be a room available to have a meeting, so the next ARCA meeting will be at the Thunderbird hamfest. The meeting at DeVry is not locked in and AARC cannot lock it in until the first of the year. The ARCA meeting and the hamfest on May 14 at Prescott is not locked in, but a request from the Yavapai club is in to the school awaiting waiting approval.

**Adjourn:** Dave Hall/N7ZPY moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob Howard/W8RH seconded. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM MST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Vasquez/K4RMV

ARCA Secretary

## Attendance Report for 10/30/2021 Copafest Meeting

Name	Call sign	Club	President	Delegate	Alternate	Visitor
TD Kennard	N7ISR	ARA		X		
Gary Hammon	K7GH	AARC	X	X		
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG		X		
Mark Steel	K17RB	K7ARC		X		
Eric Osterberg	N0NKI	K7ARC				X
Frank Bender	K8FB	YARC				X
Mike Childers	K7URK	MARCA				X
Mike Reed	AA0MR	CHRC	X	X		
Debbi Smith	KJ7MIQ	CHRC				X
Brian Tompson	NJ7F	POST 599	X			
Bob Howard	W8RH	MARA	X			
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA		X		
Ron Peters	WB9EXL	MARCA				X
Gary Keck	KE7DX					X
Sue Rogers	W7SKH	SUNLIFE	X			
Chuck Rogers	W7CBR	SUNLIFE				X
Tony Bogusz	W9MT	CATALINARC		X		
Dick Pache	K2LCT	CADXA				X
Bryan Hubbard	KF7DPC	SUPERSTITION ARC		X		
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL				X
* Mike Boger	W7IJ	SUNBUMS	X			
* Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS		X		
* Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	Yavapai ARC		X		
* Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARA	X			
* Alan komenski	AC2K	RST		X		
* Ken Gourley	KG6T	UA ARC	X	X		
* Gary Pierce	AE7GP	OVARC		X		
* Don Sears N7PLL	N7PLL	VVARA	X	X		
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA Chairperson				
Charles Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA 1st Vice Chair				
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	ARCA Secretary				
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA Past Chair				
* Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer				

\* Denotes attended on-line