



January 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES Thunderbird Hamfest – Glendale, Arizona

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Lee Ilse, K7OED at 11:08 AM AZ time. The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with both in-person and on-line attendees. Those in attendance introduced themselves and Lee introduced those who were attending on-line.

Chairperson's Report: (Lee Ilse, K7OED) Reminder that the cutoff for Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year nominations and Grant Requests and Scholarship Applications is the 1st of May 2022. Grants over \$500 are required to be submitted and published to the membership 60 days prior to voting on the request. \$500 and lower can be voted on at the meeting at which they are presented.

Lee and Charlie are working to find a place to store the ARCA trailer in the Valley. This would make the equipment easier for people to access. Unfortunately, most places are full for the winter. Brian McCarthy, AK7F stated he has a spot at his house where it could be stored. Action is pending.

1st Vice-Chair's Report: (Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS) Charlie thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Thunderbird club for putting together the event and hosting our meeting. He has received several questions about who ARCA is and what our club does. He explained that ARCA is the state representative council and some of what ARCA does. Charlie also recommended that everyone get Arizona Amateur Radio license plates. It costs \$25.00 a year, but \$17.00 comes back to the amateur radio community and provides funds for grants and scholarships. He clarified that just having your call on the plates would not help generate additional fund sharing from the state. The plates needed to be specifically "Amateur Radio" license plates.

2nd Vice-Chair's Report: (Gary Hamman, K7GH) Gary stated that his responsibility is to keep track of the equipment. The trailer is up at Jeff Hanna's place and Jeff is taking good care of it for us.

Secretary's Report: (Ray Vasquez, K4RMV): Ray asked if everyone received a copy of the minutes and if there were any questions or comments. Debbi Smith, KJ7MIQ, delegate for the Chandler Ham Radio Club, stated her name was misspelled and call sign incorrect in the minutes and requested to have it corrected. Gary Lenze, W7MIN requested that Ron Paquette be changed to Rick Paquette for the ARRL Section Manager. Tom Cloonan, NL7Q, Yavapai County ARES/RACES requested that Frank Bender, K8FB be listed as delegate. Pink Foster, K7ILA requested that a correction be made to Harkfest. It should have HARK in capital letters – HARKfest. Motion was made by Debbi Smith, KJ7MIQ to approve the minutes as corrected, Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY seconded. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Christine Kesauer, N7PVL) Christine showed the treasurer's report on the screen during the report. The checking account shows a balance of \$22,842.44, and \$384.52 in the

PayPal Account. The Grant Fund has a balance of \$8,771.09 and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$9,130.62. There are no outstanding liabilities at this time. ARCA's total Equity is currently \$42,728.67. Motion was made by Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY to approve the treasury report as presented, second by Joe Bakas, KE7WHE. Motion carried.

Past Chair's Report: (Steve Miller, W6SDM) Steve was not in attendance. Bob Howard, W8RH gave an update on Steve's health.

Hamfest Reports: OVARC Hamfest – Rick Paquette, W7RAP reported that the event was well attended, about 80% of normal. VE testing was held with 14 being tested and 13 passing. Lee, K7OED expressed the importance of having coffee available throughout the hamfest.

Superstition SuperFest – Steve Estes, KB7KWK reported that the event was very successful. Next year, it is expected to have the SuperFest at the old location in Mesa, the Mesa Community College.

Frequency Coordination Report: (Brian McCarthy, AK7F) Brian reported that he and Dave Hall, N7ZPY have caught up a lot of coordination in December – about 5 – 6 per week. He requested that if you are missing a UHF coordination, please contact them. 2-Meters is caught up. Brian cautioned that if you receive an email about your coordination and you do not respond, your coordination may be cancelled.

Old Business:

Club Renewals: All membership renewals are requested to be done on-line. Information can be updated and renewal processed much more quickly with this procedure.

Draft ARCA 2022 Budget: The board is currently in process of formulating a draft budget for 2022. It is planned to be presented at the April meeting.

New Business:

US Forest Service: The US Forest Service recently sent out an email to lease holders who have leases on the forest service lands about increasing lease payments. Lee, K7OED will be writing a letter to the Forest Service to plead for an exception for amateur radio. The deadline for comments is the 22nd of February 2022. All clubs that are affected by this price increase should submit comments.

Grant Request: A grant request has been received from the Center for Amateur Radio Learning (CARL) The request is for \$1,800.00 for replacing some equipment. Lee, K7OED has suggested giving an exception to the 50% club obligation rule due to the impact CARL has on young kids.

Rick Paquette, W7RAP talked with Fred Lloyd of QRZ about Fred's large number of radios that could possibly be handed out. Please contact Fred directly.

Jim Felkey, N7BBS asked that his email address be made available for questions/comments related to the CARL grant request. His email is n7bbs@arrl.net.

Call to the Public: No further business was presented

Calendar Review:

Mar 16	SARC	Scottsdale
Mar 26	RST	Tucson
* Apr 16	AARC/ARCCC	DeVry- Phoenix
May 14	Yavapai	Prescott
* Jul (TBD)	ARCA Annual Meeting	Location TBD

(* = meeting dates)

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona will be held at 11:00 AM on April 16, 2022 at the April Hamfest at DeVry.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Christine, N7PVL, second by anonymous. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Ray Vasquez/K4RMV
ARCA Secretary

Attendance Report for 1/15/2022 Thunderbird Meeting

Name	Call Sign	Club	President	Delegate	Alternate	Visitor
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA Chairperson				
Charles Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA 1st Vice Chair				
Gary Hamman	K7GH	ARCA 2nd Vice Chair				
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	ARCA Secretary				
* Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer				
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARA	X			
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG		X		
Mike Childers	K7URK	MARCA				X
Reinhard Geissler	K7RGG	AARC			X	
James Wasson	N7ELL	SARC	X			
Rick Aldom	W7STS					X
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL				X
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA		X		
John Sneddon	KT7P	YARC	X			
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	Yavapai ARC		X		
Clayton Jacobs	KJ6QJS	ANSR	X	X		
Janet Banner		ANSR				X
Joe Bakas	KE7WHE	ARA				X
Mark Steel	KI7RB	AzRCCC		X		
Bob Runke	AB7RR	WVARC				X
* Debbi Smith	KJ7MIQ	CHRC		X		
* Steve Este	KB7KWK	Superstition	X			
* Pink Foster	K7ILA	HARK	X	X		
* Richard Jones	W0PZD	SADXA		X		
* Tony Bogusz	W9MT	CRC		X		
* Tom Cloonan	NL7FQ	YCARES		X		
* Jim Felkey	N7BBS	CARL		X		
* Rick Rogers	K7RCR	GVARC		X		
* Don Sears N7PLL	N7PLL	VVARA	X	X		
* Bob Hollister	N7INK	CARA			X	
* Vincent Cattolica	KA7JOI	KARC		X		
* Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS		X		
* Ken Gourley	KG6T	UA ARC	X	X		
* Bob Howard	W8RH	MARA	X			
* Mike Zolna	KD6RFT	CRC				X
* Jeff Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	X			

* Denotes attended on-line