



ARCA Meeting Minutes Radio Society of Tucson Fall Hamfest September 24, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by outgoing ARCA Chair Lee Ilse, K7OED at 11:06 AM. A sign-in list was circulated along with copies of the agenda, draft minutes from the most recent meeting and the treasurer's report, all of which had also been emailed to club member delegates in advance of the meeting. A total of 33 individuals were in attendance (18 in person and 15 on-line via Go-To-Meeting). Introductions of in-person attendees was held – and Lee read a list of the on-line attendees.

Chair's Report, Lee Ilse, K7OED: Lee began by thanking the RST Club and the Calvary Chapel for hosting the meeting. He also asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of long-time RST ARCA delegate Alan Komenski/AC2K who recently became a silent key. He also mentioned that there are copies of old minutes and agendas available, but reminded folks that as part of ARCA's movement to be more environmentally responsible we will not be providing paper copies at meetings. Delegates will have copies emailed to them in advance of the meetings and can either view them electronically on their phones or tablets during the meeting or print their own copies at home. He also stated that there was little ARCA activity since the July annual meeting two months ago, but it will be covered as part of upcoming reports.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS: Charlie echoed Lee's comments thanking the RST club and Calvary Chapel for providing the facility and noted that the hamfest season is now ramping up again. A schedule and flyers are available on the ARCA table outside, and he hopes to see many folks for the next ARCA meeting at COPAFEST at the end of October.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Gary Hamman/K7GH: Gary stated that he really didn't have anything to report beyond what will be covered in the upcoming agenda item regarding the ARCA golf cart.

Secretary's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV: Ray was unable to attend due to a medical appointment in California. The minutes from the July annual meeting were distributed electronically and there were no additions or corrections. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Bob/N7INK to approve the minutes as published. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: Chris reported that we had donations from Fry's Foods and membership dues. Expenses included Arizona QSO Party, re-issuing a chapter grant check, domain name, postage for mail forwarding, and hamfest flyer and report reproduction. There was a minor error on the scholarship report, but the current balance sheet as of September was accurate and showed that ARCA has no current liabilities and assets of \$44,019.92 which includes the 2008 ARCA trailer. The annual corporate report

as of August 31st showed a balance of \$43,998.63. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Rick/K7RCR to accept the report as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Chris also thanked the clubs who have cashed their chapter grant checks promptly, but there are still a few that need to be cashed including those for the AMO, Yuma, Sun Bums and Red Cross clubs.

Past Chair's report, Steve Miller/W6SDM: Steve noted that we elect new ARCA board members every year, and it was not easy to find willing candidates this year. Please consider serving on the ARCA board next year – we really need good board members to help the organization function well.

Old Business:

Club Membership Renewals: Lee/K7OED noted that renewals will be due by the end of December. He also reminded folks that being an ARCA member club is to your advantage because the annual amount of individual club grants distributed is more than the annual club dues. Chris/N7PVL also noted that we are now accepting dues via either Paypal or Zelle and this is a much quicker way to get the information processed. It also reduces postage cost and is more environmentally friendly as it reduces the amount of paper use.

ARRL and ARDC Grants: Lee/K7OED noted that both organizations have very well-endowed grant programs that clubs are able to apply for. The Yavapai club recently received a \$20,000 grant that will be used to fund their STEM programs for the tremendous youth activities that they sponsor.

New Business:

ARCA Golf Cart: ARCA has a variety of equipment stored in the ARCA trailer that is available for clubs to use at hamfests. One of the most-needed items is the electric golf cart that is used to carry equipment and handicapped individuals around hamfest grounds. The golf cart is stored in the trailer and the wet cell lead-acid batteries are plugged in once a quarter for a periodic recharge. After going unused for two years during COVID, the batteries were tested during the DeVry and Prescott Hamfests earlier this year and determined to no longer hold a charge. The board recommends that we replace the lead-acid batteries with AGM or LiFePo batteries that have longer life and are much more tolerant of heat and deep cycle discharges. This plan includes purchase of a new charger that is compatible with the LiFePo batteries, as well as an MPPT solar charge controller that can be used with solar panels that we already have that will be mounted on top of the trailer. We would also like to purchase a small inverter that can be used to power additional accessories in the trailer. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY to allocate up to \$4000 for purchase of batteries, charger and inverter seconded by Rick/K7RCR. Motion subsequently amended to include any other maintenance items that are required to return the golf cart to service. After some brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

El Tour de Tucson: Cary/WB2BSJ stated that support for the tour requires about 40 operators to support the event and a number of our previous operators are unavailable. If you are able to assist please reach out to him to volunteer – his email address is current on QRZ.

Installation of New ARCA Officers: The new ARCA board includes the following personnel:

Chairperson: Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS

1st Vice-Chairperson: Ray Vasquez, K4RMV

2nd Vice-Chairperson: Tom Cloonan, NL7FQ

Secretary: Lee Ilse, K7OED

Past Chair: Steve Miller/W6SDM (Note: K7OED cannot fill two positions simultaneously).

Charlie/N2TFS thanked the previous board for their service, and noted that Tom/NL7FQ has been texting him during the meeting, but has been unable to connect to the meeting. He noted that most of the ARCA board has just been playing musical chairs w/ regard to their positions and asked all club delegates to strongly consider serving on the ARCA board next year. If you are interested in doing so please contact Steve/W6SDM as he will be preparing a slate of potential candidates again during the spring. He also asked delegates to keep the board informed on their clubs' plans for hamfests as ARCA will help with promotion and execution of the event with ARCA equipment including chairs, tables, golf cart. The only stipulation is that movement of the trailer is the responsibility of the club – the trailer can be pulled with a half-ton vehicle with a 2" ball. Finally, he reminded folks that ARCA gets \$17 from all Arizona Ham Radio License plates and encouraged folks to get their ham plates.

2022-2023 Hamfest Calendar Review: (Bolded* Entries Indicate ARCA Meetings)

1. October 1: Tonto Amateur Radio Association Ham Swapfest (Payson)
2. **October 29: COPAfest and 2022 ARRL State Convention (Maricopa)***
3. November 5: HARKfest Tailgate Hamfest (Congress)
4. November 12: Oro Valley Hamfest
5. November 19: West Valley Electronics Club Tailgate Swap
6. **December 3: Superstition Superfest (Mesa)***
7. January 14th: Thunderbird Hamfest (Glendale)
8. January 23-28: Quartzfest (Quartzite)
9. **February 17-18: Yuma Hamfest (Now Cancelled)**
10. **TBD March: Scottsdale Springfest (Tentative)***
11. TBD April: DeVry Hamfest (Tentative)
12. May 6: Cochise Hamfest (Sierra Vista)
13. TBD May: Prescott Hamfest (Tentative)

Date and Time of Next Meeting: October 24, 2022, 11:00 AM COPAfest (Maricopa)

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Bob/N7INK. All in favor. None opposed.

11:43 AM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED
ARCA Secretary

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In-Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call	Club	Designation
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	Chair
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Secretary
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA	Past Chair
Bob Hollister	N7INK	CARA	Alternate
Scott Bushman	WI7Y	MARA	Delegate
Richard Rogers	K7RCR	GVARC	President/Delegate
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	President
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG	Delegate
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Ron Peters	WB9EXL	MARCA	Visitor
Angie Buchannan	N7EMB	AZ Sun Bums	Delegate
Dick Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
Tony Bogusz	W9MT	CRC	Delegate
Patrick Baldwin	KI7NSF	ARA	Delegate
Jeff Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	President
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN	Delegate
Dick Pache	K2LCT	Sun Life	Alternate
Cary Fishman	WB2BSJ	RST	Visitor

On-Line Attendees

Attendee Name	Call	Club	Designation
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	Moderator/Treasurer
John Gesell	KB7JJG	YCARES	Delegate
Sarah Li	K7SLI	K7UAZ - UofA	President
Mark Kirch	AK0MK	GCRACES	Exec. Officer
Doug Besemer	K0VPL	K7ARC - Red Cross	Alternate
Forrest Phillips	KJ7YYI	GCRACES	Delegate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS	Delegate
Jim Felkey	N7BBS	CARL	Delegate

Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate
Pink Foster	K7ILA	HARK	Delegate/President
Hilliard Paige	W7HIL	K7UAZ - UofA	Delegate
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARA	President
Debbi Smith	KJ7MIQ	CHRC	Delegate/VP
Walter Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC	Delegate
Charlie Kotan	K0TAN	LBARA	Delegate

33 Total Attendees