



ARCA Meeting Minutes DeVry Hamfest April 8, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS at 11:08 AM. A sign-in list was circulated for in-person attendees who introduced themselves. A total of 42 individuals were in attendance (23 in person and 19 on-line via Go-To-Meeting).

Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS: Charlie apologized for the slight technical delay encountered and thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked the DeVry/Carrington folks for bending over backwards to help us with the hamfest, meetings and presentation by Congresswoman Debbie Lesko. Charlie then congratulated all of the ARCA member clubs for renewing their membership. Clubs get an email reminder from us in early December that your dues are due by the end of the month. It seems that every year there are clubs that do not renew on time, so if we don't have your dues by the first of January you will get another somewhat nasty email reminder, and if you haven't renewed by the end of January you will be dropped from the membership list. Renewal reminders are sent to the club presidents, delegates and alternates and dues can be paid via Paypal. Charlie also reminded folks that if you don't renew and fall off the ARCA affiliated list you will no longer be eligible for ARCA grants or scholarships, so please ensure that whoever from your club is responsible for submitting this information is aware that it is important to renew by the due date.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV: Ray welcomed all guests and representatives and said he was very happy that we have a good turnout today, and apologized for the fact that we were unable to meet at the Scottsdale hamfest as originally scheduled.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Tom Cloonan/NL7FQ: Tom was unable to join the meeting online.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse/K7OED: Lee stated that the draft minutes from the December meeting had been emailed to all for review and noted a minor grammatical correction to the Repeater Owners section as well as a spelling error the attendance list (corrections provided by Dave/N7ZPY). No further additions or corrections were offered by the members. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Walt/NJ8G to approve the minutes as amended. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: Chris apologized for not sending the report until the day prior, but her screen was shared for online viewing and also projected in the room so all participants could view the report as she presented it. The ARCA fiscal year ends on December 31st for tax purposes; at that point we had no current liabilities and our assets totaled \$44,330.78. The current report shows a balance of \$41,829.33

after expenses for batteries and repair of the ARCA golf cart, annual depreciation of the ARCA trailer and other administrative expenses. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Walt/Nj8G to accept the report as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Chris also mentioned that we had a check to the Arizona Mesh Organization that was not cashed last year and has been cancelled. Charles/W7VF from AMO asked if the check could be re-issued; Chris responded that it can be provided that Charles provides an email indicating what address the check should be sent to. She also requested that all clubs check the ARCA website to ensure their address is current.

Past Chair's report, Steve Miller/W6SDM: Steve reported that he had nothing to report that wouldn't be covered in subsequent agenda items.

Frequency Coordinator's Report: Dave/N7ZPY reported that a coordinators meeting took place this morning where Lance/KW7LH was given a vote of confidence to continue as chair. He also noted that the current 70cm coordinator (Brian/AK7F) will be stepping down due to family commitments, so the committee is recruiting a replacement coordinator and an assistant to help with the 381 current 70cm coordinations.

Old Business:

Quartzfest: Charlie/N2TFS mentioned that the annual Quartzfest ARRL specialty convention in January was well attended with approximately 680 attendees camping out on the BLM land.

ARCA Golf Cart Update: Charlie/N2TFS reported that we still have some minor work to do in the ARCA trailer to install the solar panels and charge controller as well as some tie-downs to secure the cart in the trailer. We are a bit behind schedule due to some schedule conflicts over the winter months.

ARCA Trailer Storage: Charlie/N2TFS restated our goal to store the trailer somewhere centrally located in the Phoenix area instead of at an individual's house. He has a couple of potential locations, but solicited input from any of the clubs if they know of a place that doesn't charge exorbitant rates.

Southwest Division Convention Update: Rick/W7RAP was busy escorting Congresswoman Lesko around the hamfest so no update was provided. Charlie/N2TFS noted that the Congresswoman is an active supporter of amateur radio and has introduced a bill that would replace the current FCC bit rate limit of amateur signals with an expanded bandwidth authorization.

Audio Systems For Meetings: Charlie/N2TFS noted that Mike Childers/K7URK is running an audio system for the event that is put together from a number of different components patched together with an octopus of cables, and this was part of the reason for today's delay in getting the online connection working. Mike has put together a proposal for ARCA to procure a small road case that would consolidate the equipment and make configuration much simpler and faster. An option also includes a wireless projector that would eliminate the challenges associated with using projectors in host facilities that we are not familiar with. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Walt/NJ8G to allocate funds not to exceed \$2000.00 to acquire a system of this type. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Nominations: Steve/W6SDM reported that we are always looking for more volunteers to help with ARCA. This doesn't mean you need to be a board member – we just need some additional help. We are also interested in getting new folks on the board of directors so it isn't the same folks serving every year and just rotating positions. The fact that we can now hold meetings online also helps decrease the need to travel to participate in board or membership meetings. If you are interested in helping, please contact him - his QRZ.COM email address is current.

New Business:

Frequency Coordinators Mailing: Lee/K7OED reported that he sent out an email regarding some draft changes to the 440 MHz band plan at the request of the coordinators committee. Due to the fact that not all repeater owners (only the 440 owners) received the email and some input that was received was opposed to certain aspects of the proposed changes, the coordinators decided to hold off on making any changes until additional input and discussion can occur. If you have additional comments that you would like to submit regarding the draft plan, please send them coordinators@azfreqcoord.org. Rod/WB9KMO asked why the draft changes were being considered. Lee explained that the trend nationwide is to have hams convert to narrowband operations to make more repeater pairs available.

Amateur Radio Development Corporation Grant: Charlie/N2TFS reported that Rick Paquette/ W7RAP has submitted a request for funding to revitalize hamfests within the state of Arizona. The intent is to help get the Yuma hamfest back in operation as well as restart a Flagstaff Hamfest. Rick says the ARDC will make their funding decision in May, and it may be significantly higher than the \$25,000 that was requested. If it is approved ARCA will administer the funding and track it separately from other ARCA funding. Some ARCA clubs asked whether they will be able to leverage this funding for their events; Charlie explained that we will not know what constraints are placed on use of the funding until we see the final language of the grant. Chris/N7PVL also reiterated that even without ARDC funding, ARCA can also assist clubs with putting on hamfests.

New ARCA Member Club – Saguaro Amateur Remote Base Association (SARBA): Charlie/N2TFS welcomed SARBA back as an ARCA member club after having been lapsed for a few years. New SARBA president Chris Radicke/N7TWW the reported that they are interested in new developments not just in the ham bands but also in DMR and other areas.

Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year Nominations: Lee/K7OED noted that ARCA accepts nominations from member clubs for recognition of deserving individuals who have contributed to our avocation over the past year. Nominations are due NLT May 1st, but no applications have been received yet.

Scholarship Applications: Lee/K7OED also reported that scholarship applications are also due NLT May 1st. He noted that last year ARCA gave out two \$5,000 scholarships to deserving individuals attending the University of Arizona and Pima Community College. We didn't have any applications last year, so please solicit some from your younger members.

Grant Request: Lee/K7OED reported that he has received a grant request for \$3000.00 from a southeastern Arizona club to do an upgrade to one of their repeaters. The request was incomplete because it

didn't include all of the required documentation but will be emailed to the membership for review and consideration once the packet is complete.

Recommended Change to ARCA Bylaws: Dave/N7ZPY proposed a change to Article Four, Section 2, Paragraph E of the ARCA bylaws.

As reads:

"Only coordinated repeaters/owners have a vote and the votes shall be one vote per repeater per representative. Each repeater owner may delegate one representative for each repeater owned."

Change to read:

"Only coordinated repeaters/owners have a vote and the votes shall be one vote per repeater. Each repeater owner may delegate a representative to vote in his/her place."

Repeater Coordination: Walt/NJ8G stated that he was not aware of the repeater owners meeting that took place this morning. Lee/K7OED noted that the meeting was listed on the hamfest flyer and was also posted on the repeater coordination website. Several club representatives mentioned that they would like to see better communication from the repeater coordinators. Charlie/N2TFS noted that the repeater coordinators are all volunteers and quite busy just trying to work the coordinations, and asked if there are any volunteers who are willing to assist them with communication (Note: there were no volunteers). Charlie also explained that ARCA now has the capability to send email to all member clubs individually without spam filters blocking the email because of the multiple addresses. At this point we only have a list of email addresses for the 440 owners but are waiting for the coordinators committee to provide the remaining email list for other bands. Dave/N7ZPY also noted that the coordinators' database supplies contact information for other than just the club POC, and Charlie agreed that emailing to more than one POC is a recommended practice.

501(c) 3 Funding: A question was raised whether a member club needs to be a 501(c)3 organization in order to receive ARCA funding. Charlie/N2TFS explained that ARCA doesn't require clubs to be 501(c)3, but we don't know what conditions will be attached to the ARDC funding (if any).

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

1. May 6: Cochise Hamfest (Sierra Vista)
2. May 13: Prescott Hamfest
3. July 15: Flagstaff Hamfest and ARCA Annual Meeting*
4. September 16: Show Low Ham Radio Tailgate
5. September 23: RST Fall Hamfest (Tucson)*
6. October 28 (T): COPAfest (Maricopa)
7. November 4: HARKfest (Wickenburg)
8. November 11(T): Oro Valley Hamfest
9. December 3 (T): Superstition Hamfest (Mesa)

Date and Time of Next Meeting: July 15, 2023, 11:00 AM Flagstaff Hamfest

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Lee/K7OED. All in favor. None opposed.

12:21 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED
ARCA Secretary

ARCA Meeting

Attendance Report

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In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	Chair
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	ARCA	1st Vice-Chair
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA	Past Chair
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Secretary
Walt Reinert	AJ8G	TBARC	President
Joe Bakus	KF7WHE	ARA	Alternate
Joe Hobart	W7LUX	Coconino	Visitor
Janice Enloe	KE6WCK	Coconino	Alternate
Charles Whitlatch	W7VF	AMO	Delegate
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN-AZ	Delegate
Ray Kolman	KI7COM	YARC	President
Chris Radicke	N7TWW	SARBA	President
Ken Hartzler	N7YW	SARBA	Visitor
Sue Rogers	W7SKH	Sunlife	Delegate
Chuck Rogers	W7CBR	Sunlife	Alternate
Mark Steele	KI7RB	K7ARC	Delegate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL	Delegate
Rick Aldom	W7STS	Scottsdale	Delegate
James Wasson	N7ELL	Scottsdale	President
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Dave Kaczorowski	K7DMK	SARBA	Alternate
Stephen Thomas	KE7TLS	ANSR	Alternate
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	President

Online Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	Treasurer
David Bjorgaard	K7ACE	RST	Delegate

Gary Pierce	AE7GP	OVARC	Delegate
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate
Doug Shough	KC7LIN	CARA	Delegate
Don Sears	N7PLL	VVARA	Delegate
Martin Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Alternate
Mark Kirch	K9ZG	GCRACES	Delegate
Pat Marcy	W7PZ	LBARA	Alternate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EARRS	Delegate
George Cameron	N7GRC	HARK	President
Richard M Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
Clayton Jacobs	KJ6QJS	ANSR	President
Warren Gaspar	KC0GU	Unknown	Visitor
+15208039423	Unknown	Unknown	Visitor
Tony Bogusz	W9MT	CRC	Delegate
Woody Phillips	KJ7YYI	GCRACES	Alternate
Sarah Li	K7SLI	K7UAZ (UofA ARC)	President
Steven Wood	W1SR	OVARC	Alternate