



## ARCA Annual Meeting Minutes

### Flagstaff Hamfest

### July 15, 2023

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS at 11:11 AM. A sign-in list was circulated for in-person attendees. A total of 46 individuals were in attendance (30 in person and 16 on-line via Zoom).

**Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS:** Charlie thanked Northern Arizona DX Association for putting on the first hamfest in Flagstaff in almost 20 years. He noted we have a number of additional hamfests coming up during the rest of the year, but was sad to report that the COPAFEST event has been canceled. 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 of January 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

**First Vice-Chair's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV:** Ray reported that he has been busy working on upgrades to the ARCA trailer and more info will be provided on that topic later during the meeting.

**Second Vice-Chair's Report, Tom Cloonan/NL7FQ:** Tom had nothing significant to report.

**Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse/K7OED:** Lee stated that the draft minutes from the DeVry meeting had been emailed to all for review and noted two minor grammatical correction (corrected name of Saguaro Amateur Remote Base and corrected N7ZPY's call sign – both under the new business section). Further correction from the floor to change AMSO to AMO under the Treasurer's report section. No further additions or corrections were offered by the members. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Mark/KI7RB to approve the minutes as amended. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL:** Chris presented the ARCA financial report as of July 8, 2023. This year's license plate disbursement totaled \$21,098.33 and per standard procedure was divided equally to operating expenses, Grant Fund, Scholarship fund, and annual club grants. Major operating expenses to date included \$989.95 for insurance, \$1,578.98 of equipment purchases (ARCA trailer upgrades to date) other equipment improvement and maintenance of \$1,242.18, and a variety of administrative expenses for new bank checks, postage, hot spot subscription, postage and the corporation commission annual fee. Our balances were: Checking account \$29,976.85, PayPal account \$1,590.47, Grant Fund \$16,651.91, and Scholarship Fund at \$4,200.71. Chris also stated there are a few clubs that haven't yet cashed their grant checks and thanked those who have already done so. Our equipment is valued at \$1,578.94 with no current

debts for a total equity of \$54,798.88. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Doug/KC7LIN to accept the report as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Past Chair's report, Steve Miller/W6SDM:** Steve was unable to attend so no report given.

**Frequency Coordinator's Report:** Lance/KW7LH conducted a repeater owners meeting earlier this morning and no significant issues were identified. There is an individual identified to potentially replace the current 70cm coordinator (Brian/AK7F) who has stepped down due to family commitments.

#### **Old Business:**

**ARCA Golf Cart Update:** Charlie/N2TFS reported that the ARCA golf cart is now fully functional with new batteries and charger.

**ARCA Trailer Update:** Charlie/N2TFS thanked Ray/K7RMV for his help in upgrading the ARCA trailer. It now has solar panels installed on the roof, LiFePO4 batteries and charger, a full width equipment shelf in the front and fold-down operator tables on the side. Additional upgrades will include an upper shelf along the front of the trailer as well as power and RF connections at the operator tables in the side that will make it suitable for Field Day or other use. Charlie has also identified a location for trailer storage at a very reasonable rate in the Phoenix area and will complete that action in the coming weeks.

**Audio/Visual System:** Charlie/N2TFS thanked Mike Childers/K7URK for putting together the road case of ARCA A/V equipment. Today's Zoom meeting is the maiden voyage of this gear rather than using Mike's personal equipment as in past meetings. We are still working out a few wrinkles in the system and will prepare some documentation and training for other folks to use if required.

**CARA Grant Request:** Doug/KC7LIN discussed the \$3,000.00 Cochise Amateur Radio Association grant request. The purpose of the request is to partially fund replacement of the 2M antenna and duplexers used for the 147.02 repeater. This repeater is located in a Cochise County building on Mule Mountain and is open for general amateur use and regularly used to support Search and Rescue missions. The request helps fund rack-mounted duplexers that are smaller and more selective than the current duplexers in order to comply with a county desire for the club to reduce its footprint in the shelter as the county proceeds with pending upgrades. The antenna will be located lower on the Arizona Public Media tower than the current antenna in order to allow for access without requiring the APM radio station to reduce transmit power while workers are on the tower. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Jeff/WB7RFY to approve the grant request. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

**Proposed Changes to ARCA Constitution and Bylaws:** Chris/N7PVL provided an overview of proposed changes to the ARCA Constitution and Bylaws which included a previous change recommended by Dave/N7ZPY during the April meeting at DeVry. The draft has been discussed extensively by the ARCA board and was presented to the membership for their review and feedback prior to a vote that will occur at the

October ARCA meeting. The recommended change to the ARCA Constitution is in Article VII section 2 and was a wording change to bring us in compliance with IRS and Arizona regulations. The proposed changes to the ARCA Bylaws include elimination of new club membership initiation fees, approval of new club membership applications by the ARCA board instead of by the general membership, clarification of club membership status (loss of status) when dues are delinquent, a variety of minor changes to the grant request language to bring it into compliance with our current grant guidelines, and a clarification that repeater owners who have more than one repeater are allotted one vote per repeater in the repeater owners' committee.

**Catalina Radio Club Grant Request:** Jeff/K2VNT discussed the \$1,875.18 grant request received from the Catalina Radio Club. The purpose of the grant is to replace an old Motorola repeater that is located at the Raytheon plant near Tucson International Airport. The repeater is open for general amateur use, is listed for use by the Pima County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) as a backup to the primary OEM repeater, and is also listed in the Raytheon Emergency Communications Plan. The application packet was complete, but received after the deadline to be voted on at this meeting and thus will be voted on at the October meeting.

**ARCA Scholarship Award:** Charlie/N2TFS noted that one of our primary ARCA purposes is to promote amateur radio development, and as a result, we award scholarships every year to deserving members of ARCA clubs. Chris/N7PVL reported that this year's scholarship award winner is Derek Blowers from the Hualapai Amateur Radio Club and presented him with a scholarship check for \$5,000.00. Derek will be entering Northern Arizona University this fall and majoring in Electrical Engineering and minoring in Mathematics.

**ARCA Ham of the Year Award:** Charlie/N2TFS also noted that ARCA presents a Ham of the Year award to deserving hams who have made significant contributions to amateur radio across Arizona. Last Year's Ham of the Year, Bob Wertz/NF7E, announced this year's winner as Bill Maynard/W7ZT of the Sunlife Amateur Radio Club. Bill was unable to attend the meeting, but representatives from the Sunlife club accepted in his behalf and will make the presentation to him at the next Sunlife club meeting.

**ARCA officer Elections for 2023-2024:** Charlie/N2TFS noted that Steve/W6SDM, our past chair, was unable to attend today, but has recommended that the current ARCA board be re-elected for another term for 2023-2024 as none of them are subject to term limits this year. Charlie also opened the floor for other folks to serve, but there were no other volunteers or nominations. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Tom/WY7TG to re-elect the current board by acclamation. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The officers for the 2023-2024 year will be:

Chair: Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS

First Vice-Chair: Ray Vasquez/K4RMV

Second Vice-Chair: Tom Cloonan/NL7FQ

Secretary: Lee Ilse/K7OED

Treasurer: Chris Kesauer/N7PVL (Position Appointed by the Board)

**Other Business as Raised by Members:** None Raised.

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

1. September 16: Show Low Ham Radio Tailgate
2. **October 7: RST Fall Hamfest (Tucson)\***
3. October 7: TARA Swap Meet (Payson)
4. November 4: HARKfest (Wickenburg)
5. November 11: Oro Valley Hamfest (Tucson)
6. **December 3: Superstition Hamfest (Mesa)\***

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** October 7, 2023, 11:0 AM RST Hamfest

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Patrick/KI4NSF. All in favor. None opposed.

**12:25 PM Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED  
ARCA Secretary

# ARCA Meeting

## Attendance Report

### July 15, 2023

#### In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	Chair
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	ARCA	1st Vice-Chair
Tom Cloonan	NL7FQ	ARCA	2nd Vice-Char
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	Treasurer
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate
Lance Halle	KW7LH	ARCA	Freq Coordinator
Mike Childers	K7URK	MARCA	Visitor
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG	Delegate
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	President
Doug Shough	KC7LIN	CARA	Delegate
Bob Wertz	NF7E	NADXA	Visitor
Sue Rogers	W7SKH	Sunlife	Delegate
Chuck Rogers	W7CBR	Sunlife	Alternate
Mark Steele	KI7RB	K7ARC	Delegate
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Derek Blowers	KK7CGP	Hualapai	Visitor
Ron Peters	WB9EXL	ARRL SW DIV	Visitor
Jim Fortney	K6IYK	CARL	Visitor
Rick Aldom	W7STS	Scottsdale	Delegate
James Wasson	N7ELL	Scottsdale	President
Patrick Baldwin	KI4NSP	ARA	Delegate
Avery Davis	WB4RTP	CRC	Visitor
Jeff Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	President
Mike Storke	N7MSD		Visitor
John Lea	KE7OHK	CHRC	Visitor
Janice Enloe	KE6WCK	Coconino	Alternate
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA	Delegate
Tom Goforth	WY7TG	AMO	Alternate
Reinhard Geissler	K7RGG	CADXA	Alternate

Patty Wilt

No Call

Visitor

**Online Attendees**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor</b>
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Secretary
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN-AZ	Delegate
David Bjorgaard	K7ACE	RST	Delegate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL	Delegate
Duane Grooms	KD0KYK	HARK	Vice-President
Rick Lovdahl	KJ7ROX	Tonto ARC	President/Delegate
Martin Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Alternate
Pat Marcy	W7PZ	LBARA	Alternate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS	Delegate
Woody Phillips	KJ7YYI	GCRACES	Alternate
Gary Pierce	AE7GP	OVARC	Delegate
Doug Besemer	K0VPL	K7ARC	Alternate
Norm Johnson	AA7OO	MARCA	Alternate
Charles Whitlatch	W7VF	AMO	Delegate
John Gesell	KB7JJG	YCARES	Delegate
Clayton Jacobs	KJ6QJS	ANSR	President/Delegate