

**AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
(ARCA)
MEETING MINUTES
08 MARCH 2008
SCOTTSDALE, AZ**

PLACE: Scottsdale Community College, Mesa, AZ.

Call to Order:

Chairman Cliff Hauser (KD6XH) called the meeting to order at 11:05 All officers were present. An attendance sheet was circulated and signed by those present.

Reading of the Minutes

Motion was made by Jim N7QVW, 2nd Randy (KC7TUG) to approve the Minutes for the 16 Feb 08 with the following correction under the Section Manager's Report: "working on 2 bills" to read "working on 1 bill". Motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Kesauer (N7PVL) distributed the Treasury Report (08 Mar 08), Corporate Balance Sheet (08 Mar 08), Southwest Division Convention Treasury Report (05 Mar 08), Southwest Division Convention Balance Sheet (05 Mar 08) and the Consolidated Balance Sheet (05 Mar 08). All reports were approved.

Past Chairman's Report.

Past Chair not present.

1st Vice Chairman's Report.

Doug (KE6JUK) reported he has spoken with the motels, but was not able to secure a block of room, or how long the hotels will hold the rooms but a discount rate is available and will be publish on the ARCA web site by Monday, 10 March 2008.

He also reported that the BBQ dinner will be cafeteria style to speed up service and that a larger tent will be used and this would make their original tent available for ARCA use at the Rodeo Grounds for a nominal fee.

1st Vice Chair also reported he has confirmed the date with the City of Williams (Parks and Recreation Department).

The drawing for the main prizes will be held at 5 PM during the BBQ. The prizes are as follows: 1st Prize: ICOM 718 HF Transceiver; 2nd Prize: Alinco 2 Meter

50 Watt Mobile; 3rd Prize: Yaesu VX150 Hand held and 4th Prize: LDG-100 Auto Antenna Tuner. The total cost of the 4 main prizes is \$1052.95 plus shipping. Jeff (WB7RFY) motioned to accept prizes; 2nd by Jim (AC7FN). No discussion and motion approved.

W7LB (Larry) stated he would be willing to make an AMSAT presentation and would check with Pat Stoddard to determine if he would also make a presentation.

2nd Vice Chairman's Report.

Lee (KD7OED) reported he has handed out the Survey of Interest for sites other than Williams for the AZ State Convention. He emphasized this Survey was for the AZ State Convention and not for ham fests in northern AZ. This survey will be forwarded to all official delegates. Results will be discussed at the May and June ARCA meetings. Tom (K7DF) stated that the majority of opinions made to him wanted the AZ State Convention to be centrally located and emphasized the desire for programs.

Section Manager's Report. Tom (K7GH) that Bill 2721 passed the AZ House Homeland Security Committee 8-0 and passed the House 55-4. The Bill has 23 sponsors. Senate President Bee is working on finding an appropriate committee for the Bill. Tom (K7DF) is now managing the Bill as Dan Brown is no longer able to so do.

Tom reminded everyone that this Bill is for emergency communications purposes and the language refers to antenna support structure, not a tower. Further the proposed antenna must fit on the lot and be reasonable to the HOA. The Bill forbids an HOA to summarily deny the request for an antenna support structure; however it must be in accordance with support to emergency communications. The Bill covers HOAs and CCNRs.

Concerning the fees generated by amateur radio license plates, Tom (K7DF) and Nancy McLain (AZ House of Representatives) are working to correct the error when the Bill was passed which did not specify that ARCA is to receive \$17 per plate. To date there have been approximately 3,500 amateur plates issued.

Tom (K7DF) also stated that 4 amateur lost their antenna cases because they installed their antennas then asked for permission. Tom reminded everyone to be diplomatic and follow the prescribed regulations.

Frequency Coordination Report. Lance (KW7LH) gave the same report as contained in the Minutes of 16 February 2008.

Southwest Division Convention Report.

Grant (WB6OTS) reported plans continue to move forward and currently approximately 35 programs are slated to be presented. Hotel reservations and Convention reservations can be made via the SWDC website www.azhamcom.org.

Old Business

Chair reported currently 24 member club in ARCA as of 03 March 2008.

Approval for a ham fest in Prescott on 31 May 2008 is on hold as no formal request has been received by ARCA.

New Business

Chair reported the Board had approved the storage to be paid for 6 months.

Request for ARCA sponsorship from the Cochise Amateur Radio Association for their ham fest to be held 03 May 2008. Motion to approve made by Jim (AC7FN), 2nd by Steve (W1ADW) and motion passed.

Gary (K7GH) reported the AARC Ham fest will be held 12 April 2008 and that it is not the DeVry ham fest.

Chair stated he had information from Rick (K7RLW) about the Mojave Professional Amateur Radio Association intention to take over the Kingman Ham fest. No further information available.

Lee (KD7OED) reminded clubs to check with their insurance carriers concerning liability coverage. The Cochise Amateur Radio Association believed they were covered, but turned out to be questionable after the provider is undergoing legal investigation.

Lance (KW7LH) made a motion to change the ARCA meetings to 1000 which would improve attendance at the meetings. Motion was 2nd by Dave (N7ZPY). During discussion, several members cited difficulties with this such as distance some ARCA delegates and officers had to travel and coordination with securing an extra room to hold the meetings.

Steve (W1ADW) offered an amendment to the motion to have the ARCA meeting at 10 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock when possible except at the Annual ARCA Meeting held at the AZ State Convention. The amendment was seconded. The amended motion was passed by a vote of 6 for to 5 against.

Ted (WA8ULG) made the following motion: Instruct the Secretary to post to the ARCA webpage, the name, call and direct e-mail address, as well as club affiliation for each current officer and delegate of ARCA. The action to be accomplished not later than May 1, 2008 and be kept current thereafter. The motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

Lee (KD7OED) reminded clubs to submit nominations for the Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year awards. The deadline is 01 June 2008 and the application forms are on the ARCA website.

The Chair announced the next ARCA meeting would be on 03 May 2008 at the CARA Ham Fest in Sierra Vista, AZ at 1000 o'clock.

Motion to Adjourn

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was 2nd and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Grant Hays WB6OTS
 Recording Secretary

In Attendance:

Name	Club	Name	Club
Randy Powers	CARA - Delegate	Steve Grouse	TBARC – Delegate
Gary Hamman	AARC – Alternate	Ted Hartson	VVARA – Delegate
Dave Hall	MARCA – Delegate	Jim Gerwitz	MARCA – Alternate
Larry Brown	CRC – Alternate	Lance Halle	AZ Frequency Coordinator
Steve Kafka	Explorer Post 599 – Delegate	Tom Fagan	TRA – Alternate
Mark Kesauer	ADAW – Alternate	Jeff Hanna	Yavapai ARC – Alternate
Ralph Craner	SARC – Delegate	Jim Pierce	ARA – Alternate
Chris Kesauer	ARCA Treasurer	Doug Collins	ARCA 1 st Vice-Chair
Lee Ilse	ARCA 2 nd Vice-Chair	Grant Hays	ARCA Secretary
Clifford Hauser	ARCA Chairperson		