AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA (ARCA) MEETING MINUTES 03 May 2008 SIERRA VISTA, AZ

PLACE: Green Acres, Cochise Amateur Radio Association Club site, Sierra Vista, AZ.

Call to Order:

Chairman Cliff Hauser (KD6XH) called the meeting to order at 10:35. All officers were present. An attendance sheet was circulated and signed by those present.

Reading of the Minutes

Motion was made by Randy (KC7TUG), second by Steve (W1ANW) to accept the minutes with the following correction: in Section Managers Report, change SM's call sign from K7GH to K7DF. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Cliff (KD6XH) read the following Reports: Treasury Report (30 Apr 08), Corporate Balance Sheet (30 Apr 08), Consolidated Cash Flow Report (30 Apr 08), Southwest Division Convention Treasury Report (05 Mar 08), Southwest Division Convention Balance Sheet (05 Mar 08). All reports were approved.

Past Chairman's Report.

Nothing to report.

<u>1st Vice Chairman's Report.</u>

Doug (KE6JUK) reported:

- 1. a tent will be put-up in the Hall for presentations
- 2. estimated cost of tent is \$1600
- 3. the dinner will be approximately the same price as last year
- 4. ham Fest set-up on Thursday and tear-down Sunday
- 5. do not have to be present for prizes
- 6. another train ride is planned for Sunday with cost approximately \$28
- 7. City of Williams Park and Recreation will need a copy of the insurance and \$1200 one month in advance
- 8. Kiwanis will provide food service again
- 9. Flyers will be sent to each SM in Southwestern Division.

2nd Vice Chairman's Report.

Lee (KD7OED) reported he has received little input concerning the survey of location and time for AZ state convention. A letter will be sent to remind member clubs reminding them to complete the Survey of Interest for sites other than Williams for the AZ State Convention.

<u>Section Manager's Report.</u> Tom (K7DF) stated that as reported last meeting Bill 2721 passed the AZ House however it remain in the Senate. Work on passing the Bill continues.

Concerning the fees generated by amateur radio license plates, Nancy McLain (AZ House of Representatives) continues to work 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.

Frequency Coordination Report. Nothing to report.

Southwest Division Convention Report.

Grant (WB6OTS) reported no new information available.

Old Business

Chair reported ARCA has received a letter from Yavapai Amateur Radio Club requesting ARCA sponsorship for ham fest to be held 31 May 2008 in Prescott. Randy (KC7TUG) moved and Steve (W1ADW) seconded to approve request. Motion was passed unanimously.

The Chair discussed insurance alternatives and reported ARCA currently pays \$500 per year for \$1M coverage. The Board directed the Chair to check with the ARRL and the charge is \$750 per year for 1M. The ARRL does not write 2M policies. Further, the current carrier will write a 2M policy which costs \$1000 per year. As the SWDC required 2M, ARCA will pay \$500 and SWDC will pay \$500. Next year ARCA will revert to 1M policy coverage. The Cochise Amateur Radio Association currently pays \$375 for 1M coverage. The Chair stated ARCA will also check with CARA's carrier when the time comes.

Chair reported still no formal requested from any group concerning approval for a ham fest in Kingman. The proposed date conflicts with the Southwest Division Convention in Mesa.

The University of Arizona has applied for membership in ARCA and has requested a waiver from the initiation fee. Motion by Larry (W7LB), second Steve (W1ANW) to wave the initiation fee was passed unanimously.

No nominations have been received for Ham of the Year and 1 nomination has been received for Youth Ham of the Year. The Chair extended the deadline for Ham of the Year to 01 June 2008. The plaques have been ordered.

New Business

Chair reported the annual report to the Arizona Corporation Commission and the IRS 990-N report have both been filed by the Treasurer.

Doug (KE6JVK) announced he was donating a 2 meter hand-held radio to be given away at the dinner banquet on Saturday evening in Williams.

The Chair announced the next ARCA meeting would be on 07 June 2008 at the Show Low ham fest.

<u>Motion to Adjourn</u> The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn which was made by Randy (KC7TUG), second by Steve (W1ANW). Motion carried unanimously and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Hays WB6OTS Recording Secretary

In Attendance: