



ARCA Meeting Minutes Phoenix Red Cross Facility April 19, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS at 11:00 AM. A sign-in sheet was circulated for in-person attendees. The DeVry hamfest was canceled for this year and ARCA meeting was moved to Phoenix Red Cross Facility. Eighteen ARCA representatives attended by ZOOM and 26 attended in person.

Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS: Charlie thanked Red Cross for use of the facility today. Charlie explained the cancellation of the DeVry Hamfest. The college was agreeable to use of the facility however, the new building owner was not. Charlie started a sign-in sheet for participants attending in person to sign in. Charlie reminded all in attendance that there is lunch coming at 12 o'clock for those in attendance. He explained housekeeping information and where to look for the code for the restroom and how to get there. Charlie checked with Christine Kesauer if audio was clear and ok for those attending over ZOOM. The camera was not working and he asked the audio/visual person to start the camera. Charlie started introductions of board members and continued with attending members. Charlie thanked the repeater owners for attending their meeting at 0900.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Rick Aldom/W7STS: Rick reviewed the upcoming hamfests beginning with the May 3 event at Cochise, May 31 Prescott Hamfest, June 14 in Flagstaff and that will be the ARCA annual meeting and election of officers for 2025-2026 ARCA board. September 17 is listed for Rim Country ARC, October 4 is the RST Fall hamfest, November 1 is the HARKfest in Wickenburg, November 8 is the OVARC Hamfest in Marana and lastly, we have the Superfest coming up on December 6. Rick reminded the members that a flyer is required for a hamfest event to be sponsored by ARCA and to turn them in.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Brian McCarthy/AK7F: ARCA trailer has made a trip down to Yuma and the year-end inventory has been completed. He requested that anyone that has ARCA equipment in their possession to send him an email with details so he can add it to the inventory list so ARCA knows where the equipment is located.

Secretary's Report, Janice Enloe/KI6WCK: Janice presented the December 7, 2024 minutes were submitted and sent out prior to this meeting. The minutes were posted to the ARCA dropbox for review. One amendment to be made was noted. On the attendance report, Sue and Chuck Rogers

signed in on the same line so we had to separate them for our attendance report. Sue has been registered as a delegate and Chuck has been listed as a visitor. Change to be made to minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by Dave Hall, N7ZPY with Patrick, KI4NSF seconded the motion. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report; Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: End Report for fiscal year January 2024 to December 2024 presented. Total income for 2024 was \$42,562.04 and expenses of \$38,068.44 with gain of \$4,493.60. Balance sheet shows assets of \$48,645.28.

For December to April 18:

Income received:

License fund: \$19,614.06

Fry's Community Fund: \$36.56

Dues: \$225.00

Total income: \$19875.62

Expenses Incurred:

Postage Forwarding: \$5.92

Flyers Printing: \$80.18

ZOOM Account Subscription: \$159.90

Trailer Expenses: \$59.28

Towing: \$308.00

Transfer to the grant fund: \$4903.52

Transfer to the scholarship fund: \$4903.52

Total Expenses \$10540.92

Checking Account Balance:

\$33639.03

Paypal Cash Report: Balance on account of \$3507.74

Dues paid by Paypal: \$9.95

AZ QSO Event Fees: \$191.99

Grant Fund had interest income of 63 cents and \$4903.52 was transferred into the account so balance of \$23986.30

Scholarship Fund report: Balance of \$5532.98

Corporate Annual Balance Sheet: Assets \$68382.08

Motion to accept as presented by Dave Hall, N7ZPY, seconded by Steve Miller W6SDM. Vote, all in favor of accepting. Motion passed without further discussion.

Other Items: Club cashed check that was from 2023. Chris asked members to not cash a check more than 2 years old, but to contact her with the information.

There are 2 stale checks from 2024, she asked that they not be cashed.

Please check club addresses on website as 2024 checks will be going out May 1.

Estate donation will be coming through, but amount of donation is unknown.

Charlie reminded clubs that Fry's Community fund will donate to ARCA without cost to the shopper. ARCA can be designated as the recipient of the donation by ARCA members. He also reminded members that ADOT sends us \$17 for each amateur radio plate each year.

Past Chair's Report/Lee Ilse/K7OED: Lee reminded ARCA clubs that nominations for Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year are due by May 1 and he currently only has one application for Ham of the Year. He asked clubs to look at their rosters and see if they have a deserving Young Ham of the Year. Please apply through the website, do not send to the secretary.

He also reminded participants that the scholarship committee will accept applications for scholarships for 2025. Applications are available on the ARCA website. Applications due by May 1. At this point, there is only one scholarship application submitted. Students must be a ham operator, must be a member of an ARCA club and must be nominated by a board member of that club. See the ARCA website for instructions for scholarship applications.

Preparing slate of officers for the June hamfest in Flagstaff. Charlie Zurenko is outgoing chairperson and cannot serve due to term limits. Lee asked for round of applause for his service to ARCA.

Slate of candidates for office:

Chairperson: James Wasson, N7ELL

1st Vice Chair: Rick Aldom, W7STS

2nd Vice Chair: Brian McCarthy, AK7F – Patrick Baldwin, KI4NFS

Secretary: Dave Bjorgaard, K7ACE

Lee asked if there were any other nominations for officer positions.

Patrick Baldwin is nominated by ARA delegate for 2nd vice Chair.

Nominations closed. Will be sent out. Brief bio requested of the 2nd vice-chairman nominees

Frequency Coordinator's Committee Report, Dave Hall/N7ZPY (online):

There are 948 coordinated repeaters in AZ. Work is ongoing to coordinate for state. There is a vacancy in the 6M coordinator position. Brian is doing the 440 coordination but would like to give this to someone else.

There are 2 issues currently:

1> 448.400 interference issue

2> Government radar on 220 band.

Dave reminded clubs that if they have an interference issue, it needs to be reported to the frequency coordination committee. Please send an email.

On website, if your frequency pair has yellow background, the committee has not heard from you in 2 years. If it has a red background, the committee has not heard from you in 5+ years and your frequency pair is in jeopardy. If the background is white, your pair is current.

Any questions regarding frequencies, please email the committee.

Club members with their own repeaters need to have a second point of contact. Should the primary contact leave the hobby, move or die, their frequency will become available unless the committee can contact a second person for coordination.

Brian reminded that the license of the repeater must tie back to the person with the FCC license not the club trustee.

Charlie asked if anyone with this type of experience would like to help, please come forward. Some frequency coordinators have experienced abuse from applicants, this will not be tolerated. Please be respectful.

Old Business:

Yuma Hamfest- well attended, new facility is very nice. Still more construction at fairgrounds, should be better next year.

Brian McCarthy: Golf cart repairs. Replaced light bulbs, trailer connector has been replaced. Road worthy now. Looking at solar power for trailer.

Equipment inventory has been completed for the year. Needs to have all equipment on list for location.

Equipment is available for hamfests. Need organization list so it can be packed correctly for weight and balance of trailer for safe transport.

HOY, YHOY, scholarships reminded to submit by May 1.

New Business:

Maricopa Amateur Radio Association grant request: requesting \$1500 for partnership with 4H club in Maricopa. Dave Hagen, KK7FWJ. Very aggressive pervasive need for 4H communication in the three areas of Apache Junction, Casa Grande area, and Maricopa areas. 4H has clubs for animal husbandry, shooting, home economics, and more. 4H is looking to make Ham radio club within 4H to get the kids technician licenses. APRS needed for their rocketry program. Trying to further STEM program.

We are partnering with DX Engineering for the equipment. Want ICOM 7300 in station with antennas. Shack in the box that will rotate between stations. Ultimately, want a station for each of the three locations.

They have already purchased some equipment. Want to get the radio next with funding from ARCA.

Board has seen grant request and sent back questions to the grant writer but responses have not been received. Lee asked Chris to resend to alternate contact, NO7S. Vote will take place at June meeting after responses have been received.

Chris had question regarding the shack box security so it is not lost.

Second grant application:

Sara Li submitted well written grant request. K7UAZ no fees charged to students for club membership. Requesting grant to replace computers in the ham shack. One computer for repeater station and one for the satellite station. Current computers do not support Windows 11 and Microsoft will no longer be supporting Windows 10 by October. Asking for total of \$625 for the laptop and two desktops. Willing to accept \$500 that is offered by ARCA.

Lee: Our bylaws limits approval today to \$500 and further funds will need to be approved at subsequent meeting. Chris clarified that this grant request maximum is for the \$500 but the additional \$125 would need additional grant request. She pointed out that the club would be receiving \$111 from the amateur radio plate fund. Sara says this would be acceptable.

Please explain the use of laptop for repeater station. Having battery at full charge at all times is not best practice. Jeff added to the discussion- advantage of using laptop it has battery backup for power outages at college. Maybe UPC would be considered for future.

Lee Ilse, K7OED motioned to provide \$500 to K7UAZ today, Dave Hall, N7ZPY seconded motion. Approved by vote, Chris will supply check to meet deadline for college.

Additional Discussion:

Jeff reminded that Flagstaff Hamfest has been moved to date before Field Day.

Recap of Hamfest Calendar:

May 3: Cochise Hamfest

May 31: Prescott Hamfest, new location

June 14: Flagstaff new date, new location

September Rim Country

October 4 RST Fall hamfest

November 1 is the HARCfest in Wickenburg, November 8 is the OVARC Hamfest in Marana

December 6 Superstition Superfest

Date and Time of Next Meeting: June 14, 2025 at Flagstaff Hamfest at 11:00.

Motion to Adjourn: Dave Hall/N7ZPY seconded by multiple members but not identified by callsign.
All in favor, none opposed.

12:05 PM, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Enloe/KI6WCK
ARCA Secretary

**ARCA Meeting
Attendance Report
April 19, 2025**

In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	DEL – Alt – Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	Chair
Rick Aldom	W7STS	ARCA	First Vice-Chair
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARCA	Second Vice-Chair
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Past Chair
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN-AZ	Delegate
Walt Reiner	NJ8G	TBARC	Visitor
Gary Duffield	WK7B	TBARC	Delegate
James Wasson	N7ELL	SARC	President/Alternate
Scott Gillies	W2KP	SARC	Visitor
William Kouchis	N9EIV	SARC	Delegate
Mark Steele	KI7RB	K7ARC ARC	Delegate
Randy Gault	KJ7RCN	AARC	Alternate
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	President, Delegate
Frank Engstrom	KB7IQ	AARC	Visitor
Joe Bakas	KE7WHE	ARA	Alternate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL/W7ASC	Delegate
Felix Pinto	KC7FP		Visitor
Chris Radicke	N7TWW	SARBA/FHART	President
Ron Peters	WB9EXL	MARCA	Visitor
David Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Brandi Bridges	W6FPT	K7ARC ARC	Visitor
Dan Varner	KK7MGS	TBARC	Alternate
Patrick Baldwin	KI4NSR	ARA	Delegate
Michael Mills	NO7S	MARA	Visitor
Steve Miller	W6SDM	MARA	Visitor
Dave Hagan	KK7FWJ	MARA	Visitor

On-line Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	DEL – Alt – Officer - Visitor
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	Treasurer/POC
Janice Enloe	KI6WCK	ARCA	Secretary
John Snedden	KT7P	YARC	Visitor
Martin Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Delegate
Bob Stephens	AF9W	OVARC	Delegate
Charles Whitlatch	W7VF	AMO	Delegate
Sarah Li	K7SLI	K7UAZ ARC	Alternate
Dave Kaczorowski	K7DMK	SARBA	Alternate
David Bjorgaard	K7ACE	RST	Delegate
Richard Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
George Cameron	N7GRC	HARK	President
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Visitor
John Gesell	KB7JJG	YCARES	Delegate
Woody Phillips	KJ7YYI	GEMCOM	Delegate
Ryan Adney	WA7TA	AHSARC	Delegate
Jeffrey Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	Alternate
Chris Volkman	KK7FHO	RST	Visitor
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL / W7ASC	Delegate

Attendance:

In-Person 26

On-line 18

Total Attendance: 44