

Cochise Amateur Radio Association
P.O. Box 1855, Sierra Vista. AZ 85636
Cara membership meeting minutes
6 June 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. 6 June 2011 by Cara President Dale Chidester. Members proceeded with the pledge of allegiance and introductions, 28 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary's report was not available due to the secretary KE7JNB being absent for the May meeting

TREASURE'S REPORT:

Charles Campbell gave the financial report. The financial report is posted on the back bulletin board of the Cara meeting room.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The July membership meeting has been changed to the 11th due to so many activities going on the Fourth of July.

The board of director meetings is on Saturday morning before the meeting. As a reminder your CARA membership dues are \$25 and are now due.

Hamfest- we had a profit of \$1257.80

It was mentioned that the planning for the hamfest should start earlier and that planning address what time to open the gates, a parking layout map, how much to charge for temporary membership for the day, keeping the ticket printing costs locally and food prices to charge.

Recommendation was made to buy a new rotor for the SteppIR along with cable and coax. A motion was made by Chuck N7DQS to spend up to and not to exceed \$700 for the purchase. The motion was seconded by Bill W7OL. The motion was passed by voice vote of the membership present.

A motion was made by KD7OED To allocate up to \$500 for guy wire and hardware replacement on the 140 foot tower. The motion was seconded by KC7GNM and passed by voice vote by the membership present.

The latrine doors project needs someone to over-see it, (get the measurements, place the order and oversee installation.) Rich Hotchkiss AA4RH volunteered to do this.

Mt Bernadino repeater is still in legal limbo with the county.

Swap meet (Saturday, November 5) - need someone to head up and need volunteers Bob Hollister N7INK and Charles Campbell K4AFN volunteered.

Field day (Saturday and Sunday 25 to 26 June) - We will have a meeting after this meeting to decide where to set up. All those interested stay after the club meeting.

A computer has been installed in the corner and is set up for programming Spectra, Syntor, Maxtor, Wouxun, Vertex, etc. radios. Win XP, a sound card interface to ICOM IC 718 and FLDIGI has been installed. A program on using it will be forthcoming.

Vice President report no report

Member at large no report

RACES: A quiet month, only had two or three callouts

Membership updates - check your ID card expiration dates. See Bob for updating

Events coming up - Fourth of July it is fast approaching and the planning is continuing we have filled all the regular positions. We would like to have a few on standby in the event someone as to bow out. If you would like to participate see Bob after the meeting.

MCU Update - Charles and Bob have updated the channel load in the MCU Handie talkie radio cache last week. Labels were made and applied to the fronts of the radios.

We have also been officially asked to bring the MCU to the Sierra Vista fireworks display as a standby/backup communication Center. We will be looking for volunteers to operate the evening of the Fourth.

ARCA

Forth of June is the White MT. Hamfest

Williams will be 15/16 of July

An individual from Yuma has offered use of a 30 foot office storage trailer for use at Williams which is very much appreciated.

KE6JUK offered an ATV possibly to pull field marker.

K7DF reported that there is a new Senate bill SB1111 that would eliminate all mobile operations in the state. Because of the wording in the bill, the bill seems to be dead.

TECHNICAL REPORT:

Swamp coolers are now working
The repeaters are working fine and have had no complaints

WEBMASTER
No report

CARA NET
We appreciate everyone that has been checking in please keep it up.
The new net manager is Greg Thompson KC7GNM
Anyone that would like to be net control contact Greg.
We have anywhere from 15 to 20 people checking into the net and this is great

NEW BUSINESS:
In December we will need to elect a new president as Dale's term is up also
The secretary's position we need everyone to start thinking about who they would like to be president and anyone that would like to be secretary.

Next board meeting will be 9 July

NEXT MEETING
Monday, 11 July 2011 at 7 PM

ADJOURNED 1955 hrs