

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by Cara President Dale Chidester. Members proceeded with the pledge of allegiance and introductions, 30 members were present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Secretary's report approved as published in the Smoke for October by voice vote of membership present.

**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: Dale Chidester NJ7C**

A motion was made to accept the budget for 2012, the motion was second and past by the membership present.

The insurance that we have right now does not cover the members so we are looking into the insurance cost so that it covers membership.

The ICOM PS 55 power supply went bad at Paradise in 2010, it was sent in for repair on 5-2011, it was then sent again for repair on 10-2011, we were informed that the had a shorted transformer and the replacement was available. We were informed that we should get a refund for the 5-2011 expenses.

The VE testing there were four tests given, there are 2 new technicians and 2 new Generals

Material director Mike McNeill AD7HC has agreed to continue on in this function.

Mt. Bernadino repeater, still testing it, ordered poly-phasers and N-UHF adapters.

Carlos DeLaTorres at county highways has offered to use Green Acres as a disposal site of excess used chip seal gravel. This will be great for the parking lot.

SWAP MEET we had a lot of fun and a lot of contacts were made on CW and PSK 31 thanks to everyone involved.

ELECTION COMMITTEE No report given.

CHRISTMAS PARTY will be in December on the 10<sup>th</sup> a sign-up sheet was passed around for food, it will also be posted on the web. You can contact Ken WA7UIM to tell him what you might be willing to bring.

VICE PRESIDENT: no report

MEMBER AT LARGE: no report

JOTA: Boy Scouts of America all had a good time, received an e-mail from a group in Kansas thanking us.

RACES: the Paradise certificates are about 95% done.

Vigilant guard was a communication exercise statewide stimulating disasters around the state. This was a great exercise.

Christmas Parade will be 3 December, roster is started and if you would like to participate please contact me N7INK, it will have one meeting before the parade.

ARRL: Grant Hays WB6OTS, the sweepstakes are coming up if you want to work the contest contact Lee KD7OED and let them know it is a lot of fun and a lot of good experience.

TECHNICAL REPORT Rich AA7RH: StepIR repair: Starting to get material in, the controller is packed up and ready to be shipped. He also has some hardline cable laid out for the Bernadino repeater. Will be checking on the 76 repeater.

Work is still in progress but coming along.

WEBMASTER

Everyone go to the CARA website. Everything on the website is up to date and going well.

CARA NET

We appreciate everyone that has been checking in please keep it up. Anyone that would like to be net control contact Greg KC7GNM

50/50: Rich won the 50-50

Next board meeting will be 10 December at 11 AM Saturday followed by the Christmas party and meeting at 12 noon,  
The next general meeting will be January 2, 2012 1900 hrs. with elections at this meeting

ADJOURNED 1955 hrs