

CARA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
MONDAY 07 JAN 2013 1900 HRS

ATTENDEES: 19

1. Program – Kurt KF7PDV  
presented an opportunity for members to be involved in a new SIG [special interest group] relative to antennas. A handout survey was distributed to those interested to narrow down the wants/needs of the members. This survey will carry over to the Feb. meeting to obtain any additional members.
  
2. Presidents Report - Grant WB6OTS  
presented topics covered in the Board Meeting, earlier in the day. Included were:
  - tractor swap with N7INK which was approved by the board
  - OP50 support which was awaiting response by the people in charge. Considerations were more specific requirements, as well as payments for 2012 which were not paid.
  - antenna towers require structural inspection/certification for safety. A licensed, certified engineer is needed to provide this inspection. There is likely to be a cost for the inspection. Grant will follow up to locate the required resource.
  - CARA received a rebate from Cochise County of \$249. for our rainwater harvesting system.Holiday Party and Paradise
  - the Holiday Party was well attended, with much food and festivities.
  - the annual Paradise event needs to be organized and executed by different members. The same members have been handling this event for many years and request some new resources to take responsibility, plan and make it happen.
  - Paradise, as an event is in question based upon the above statement. Need to ascertain if there is enough interest in the event to merit continuation.
  
3. Treasurer's Report – Charles K4AFN and CARA updates  
Charles presented the current financial condition of the club as well as enumerating the large number of upgrades which were made this year to Larsen Hall and other areas. Specifics as to the finances are posted in Larsen Hall.
  
- 4, Vice Presidents Report - Greg KC7GNM  
Greg reported that tonight is his last as VP.

## 5. New Business – Election of Vice President and Treasurer

Bill N7BIL advised that Rich AA7RH was up for nomination, and with no additional members offering, Rich was approved as new VP.

There were no member candidates for treasurer. Consequently, Charles K4AFN, current treasurer, will continue in this position.

## 6. Committee Reports

- Technical – Rich AA7RH StepIR is fully functional, as well as new coax and ladder lines for other antennas onsite.

Looking to acquire a wireless phone with service from Verizon which will give CARA a operable phone. System is approx. \$20/mo

Newly installed is a 2/440 yagi on the roof.

- ARES/RACES – Bob, N7INK presented an update of hours deployed in emergency response, public service and training, as well as a recap of December SAR missions.
- number of hours expended in support of the above is 1948.3 vs 2011, at 1842.0. Bob discussed some needed maintenance on the MCU as well as a new PS radio to be installed at CARA, as a backup for the EOC.
- Website – Keith KF7GBA was not present and may not be able to keep the website up to date due to illness. Lee KD7OED volunteered to pick up the maintenance/update.
- Ham fest will again be chaired by Pat KD7HAB who is seeking members to assist in the event. Rich AA7RH has been providing breakfast, and requested another member to handle the activity.
- Membership is chaired by Pat KD7HAB who reported that we have 114 members.
- CARA net – Greg KC7GNM is seeking members to help out as net control stations.
- ARCA – Mike KC7GTY had no information to report.

Meeting ended at 2030.

Submitted by:

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CARA Secretary

