



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636



CARA General Membership Meeting Minutes September 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Secretary KF7PDV. Treasurer K4AFN and Board Member at Large KD7OED were also present. President WB6OTS and Vice-President AA7RH were absent due to personal travel commitments.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by KD7OED and seconded by KC7GTY to accept minutes of the August meeting as published on the club web site. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer K4AFN reported that the current account balances are as follows:

Current Balance: Checking	\$ 5,980.29
Current Balance Savings	\$ 2,628.87
<u>Current Balance: CDs</u>	<u>\$16,455.22</u>
Total Funds:	\$25,024.38

This total includes reserved funds in the amount of \$783.62 in the HF antenna improvement fund, \$3,015.00 in the Life Member Fund, \$1,761.11 in the EMCOM fund, and \$3,610.87 in the repeater fund leaving a total operating balance of \$15,884.28.

President's report: WB6OTS was absent so KF7PDV reported on the board of directors meeting held just prior to the membership meeting. Per decision reached at last month's board meeting, KD7OED has taken over as club web site manager, and KF7PDV has taken over membership tracking as part of the club secretary responsibilities. The club is still seeking bids for tower maintenance at Green Acres. The county has supplied all required paperwork for the removal of Pete's Palace – and it should be gone as soon as the ground dries out enough to move it. The VHF repeater previously destined for Bernadino Peak has been moved to

Green Acres and will be set up temporarily in Morgan Manor. K4AFN and AA7RH are still seeking an alternate location for this repeater due to difficult access and overcrowding within the shelter on the Bernadino Peak site. WB6OTS will conduct a Technician License Class beginning Saturday October 26th. CARA will conduct its annual holiday pot luck party on Saturday December 14th in lieu of a regular December club meeting. The club will provide turkey and ham and a sign-up sheet for other items will be passed around at the October meeting and posted on the club web site. K4AFN will prepare a projected budget for 2014 to be presented at the November meeting – volunteers are needed to assist in a club financial audit. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the Swapfest on November 2nd.

Vice-President's Report: AA7RH was absent so no report was given.

Paradise Report: N7INK reported that this was another successful year with more than 300 contacts in spite of a significantly reduced number of club attendees and operators. The K7RDG Special Event Station made contacts with 44 states, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Santo Domingo, Argentina, Canada, Venezuela, Cuba, Russia and several Pacific Islands. N7INK requested that all personnel who participated in the event forward their after-action review to him as soon as possible so he can complete his report to Cochise County Emergency Services Director.

RACES Report: N7INK reported that although there were several SAR call-outs within the last month, in most cases RACES support was not needed, or could be accomplished by home unit stations without MCU deployment. K7HVV reported that additional volunteers are still needed to support the Cochise County Cycling Classic on October 12th – if you can assist please contact him as soon as possible. This is also the last year that K7HVV will be able to coordinate support for the event. KF7PDV will coordinate to disconnect the 147.08 repeater from the EAARS network during this event so that it will be available for race support.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY reported that there has been no ARCA meeting since the last CARA meeting – the next one is scheduled for the Kingman hamfest on October 12th. There is also a Tucson hamfest scheduled for November 9th at the Marana Middle School (sponsored by OVARC).

Member at Large Report: KD7OED reported that a number of club members were present for the memorial service for KE5DJ held in Bisbee on September 6th.

Technical Report: AA7RH was absent so no report was given. K4AFN reported that the club now has a telephone in Larson Hall – the number is (520) 508-7065.

CARA NET Report: KC7GNM was absent so no report was presented.

Old Business: None that was not already addressed.

New Business: KE4ZZS reported that the Paradise coordinates listed on the CARA web page are actually for the town rather than the K7RDG Special Event Site. KD7OED will correct the coordinates on the web page.

50/50 Drawing: K7GHB won the drawing – he kept his ticket cost and donated the remaining proceeds back to CARA.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be October 7th at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker will be ARRL Southwest Division Vice-Director Marty Wohl (N6VI) will provide a presentation titled “Being DX – Tales of a Contest Expeditioner.” A briefing from the EAARS group will be scheduled for later this winter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Member At Large