



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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CARA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes January 6th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President WB6OTS. Vice President AA7RH, Secretary KD7PDV and Treasurer K4AFN were also present. Member at Large KD7OED was absent due to personal travel commitments.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 6, 2013 were approved as published on the CARA web page.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the current report was posted on the Larson Hall bulletin board for member review.

President's report: President WB6OTS provided an overview of tonight's board of directors meeting. Tower maintenance is on hold until a decision made on the purchase of new antenna and rotator for the north tower. The board recommended purchase of an Omni-beam 5-11 HF antenna, but deferred decision on a rotator pending investigation of whether a new Yaesu rotator can use the same control box as the existing rotator. The board also recommended a process of having potential agenda items being first submitted to and approved by the board before being placed on the agenda for discussion at the general membership meeting. The board approved a recommendation to join the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society as an affiliated club – this will provide access to EAARS email blasts as well as supporting the EAARS linked repeater system. The board also discussed but did not make a recommendation or decision on the possibility of providing no cost CARA membership to members who enroll in the CARA-sponsored classes and pass the FCC exam, and the process of providing CARA membership cards and badges.

Vice-President's Report: AA7RH will investigate additional options for Yaesu rotators and controllers.

RACES Report: N7INK reported (*This section under review*)

Member at Large Report: KD7OED was absent so no report was presented.

CARA Technician License Class: WB6OTS and AB4LE reported that the Technician class has 8 members, and several have indicated they will join CARA once they pass their tests. A General Class will be scheduled for April 2014 at Green Acres.

Old Business:

a. The membership discussed the board recommendation to purchase of new HF antenna. KC7GTY requested a detailed breakdown of all costs that would be incurred to install the antenna relative to the funds already allocated to do tower repair. Because this level of detail will not be available until more information about rotator options is known, the subject was tabled.

b. WB6OTS discussed importance of the annual hamfest as an income stream. The club needs someone to chair this event - preferably someone who has not previously served as Hamfest chair. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers.

New Business: KF7PDV explained advantages of CARA joining EARS.

Elections: KX6X and KD7OED were elected unanimously to serve as President and Secretary, respectively. KF7PDV was elected unanimously as Director at Large to fill the position vacated by KD7OED becoming Secretary.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be February 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary