



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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CARA Membership Meeting Minutes February 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President KX6X. Vice President AA7RH, Secretary KD7OED and Treasurer K4AFN were also present. Member at Large KF7PDV was absent.

President's report: President KX6X provided an overview of tonight's board of directors meeting:

a. The club will assist a Boy Scout event on March 22nd at the Berean Academy where WB6OTS, AB4LE, and K4AFN will help scouts achieve merit badges. Additional volunteers are welcome to assist in operating the several hams stations that will be set up for the event.

b. Tower maintenance is still on hold until a decision is made on the purchase of a new antenna and rotator for the north tower. AA7RH reports that it is possible to control multiple rotators using a computer interface. He will acquire the required cables and test the functionality. Decision on purchase of the rotator and antenna was deferred pending this testing.

c. The recent amateur class was successful – all eight students passed the Technician exam and there were also two upgrades to General Class. The club welcomed KG7IHL - a new ham who passed both the Technician and General exams.

d. WB6OTS has reserved a ramada in Veteran's Memorial Park for ARRL Field Day June 28-29; more information will be provided next month.

e. The board will conduct a review of CARA Bylaws and Standing Rules over the next couple of months and make recommendations to the membership on items that should be changed.

Vice-President's Report: AA7RH noted that the current isopole antenna on the 146.76 repeater is producing lots of noise. He will examine options for replacement with a better antenna and report back next month. The

SteppIR antenna has a motor coil that is inoperative – it will be sent back for repair. Since the Bernadino Peak location is no longer viable for a repeater, he will also initiate action with the ARCA Repeater Coordination Committee to re-coordinate the hardware that was to go on Bernadino as a mobile repeater that can be used for race support or other emergency use.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED apologized for the fact that draft minutes from the January meeting were not yet posted on the web page, but they will be posted by the end of the week. He was not present at that meeting due to travel the entire month of January, and was unable to update the club website during that time. He is also picking up a task initiated by KF7PDF to prepare a set of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) files for CARA activities, and is soliciting input from other Arizona clubs who may have lessons learned files or similar SOPs. If you have input on activities that you can share – please email KD7OED@ARRL.NET.

Treasurer's Report: K4AFN reported that a copy of the current treasurer's report is posted on the Larson Hall bulletin board for review, and provided a brief summary of recent activity. The ARRL liability insurance policy has been updated and renewed – it will also provide some limited coverage when engaged in club activities away from Green Acres.

RACES Report: N7INK reported:

a. January was an interesting month. In addition to the two regular net training sessions, team members responded to a plane crash north of Wilcox on January 23rd. Fortunately there were no injuries in the crash, and the aircrew was located before the team even got on scene. Team members also responded to a search near Tombstone on January 29th. The gentleman had been stranded in his car for more than 24 hours, but was in relatively good health in spite of the ordeal. A second search for a missing woman in the Hereford area was initiated just as the first mission ended. The search team was unable to identify her because she had changed in to a completely different set of clothes after leaving home, but she eventually returned home under her own power. A third search was activated that afternoon for two missing boys in the St. David area, but was called off while the team was still refueling from the first two missions.

b. MCU training will be conducted this Saturday, February 8th from 0900 to 1030 at Green Acres and will cover a new MCU checklist.

c. Preparations for the Old Pueblo 50 footrace on March 1st are complete. Additional help is still needed for one shift in the MCU.

d. The annual Search and Rescue Academy training will be conducted February 22nd and 23rd at the Foothills facility

ARCA Report: KC7GTY was absent so no report was presented.

Member at Large Report: WB6OTS was absent due to illness so no report was presented.

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

Old Business: KX6X noted that the annual hamfest is only three months away and we really need a volunteer to chair the event. Unfortunately, no volunteer stepped forward. The event is at risk of cancellation if no chair is found by the next club meeting.

New Business: None raised by the membership.

50/50 Raffle: K7HVV won the multi-meter prize. K7GHB won \$6, with the other \$6 going to the club treasury.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be March 3rd at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker is KD6XH who will cover his DXpedition to the South Pacific.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary