



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
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## CARA Membership Meeting Minutes

June 2nd, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President KX6X. Vice President AA7RH, Treasurer K4AFN and Secretary KD7OED 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 tower work scheduled for 15 MAY did not happen because of a schedule conflict with AirNem services. The reschedule date will not be until late summer or early fall after the monsoons.
- b. Our next major club event is Field Day – the club will operate as a class 2A station from Veteran's Memorial Park. The club will also operate a GOTA station as part of the event – this is a great chance for new hams (and those who haven't been on the air lately) to get on HF. A sign-up sheet is going around – please sign up and help the club get Amateur Radio out in the community.
- c. Paradise is also just around the corner – see KF7PDV for info.

**Vice-President's Report:** AA7RH reported that the new MFJ 269 antenna analyzer has arrived and is being used to check out the 440 repeater antenna. The club needs a new antenna for the 146.76 repeater – he recommended an Andrew DB-224 which runs \$860 plus shipping. The repeater fund balance is more than sufficient to cover this cost. Motion by WB6OTS seconded by K7HVV to purchase the antenna. There was no further discussion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

**Secretary's Report:** KD7OED reported that we didn't have a specific motion about how to modify the standing rules after last month's meeting so no change had been adopted. He recommended that the words "A one-year associate membership will be granted to any ham who takes a CARA

license class and passes a license exam at CARA VE testing session” be added to the associate member definition in the standing rules. Motion by WB6OTS seconded by W7OL to make the change as recommended. There was no further discussion and the motion carried on a voice vote. KD7OED will make further recommendations for other required changes to the standing rules next month.

**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. He also stated that new CARA name badges have been delayed because of hamfest activity. If you haven’t already requested a new badge, contact him at k4afn@arrl.net. The cost of new name badges is \$8 (or free for new club members).

**RACES Report:** N7INK gave a short history lesson about the evolution of our emergency communication vehicles over the past 20 years, and reported on RACES/ARES activity since the last club meeting:

- a. 5/3 San Simon Search: RACES was requested to deploy to assist in the search for an elderly gentleman who has wandered away from home. Fortunately the search was successful and ended quickly.
- b. 5/22 Huachuca City Search: RACES was requested to deploy to Lower Huachuca City to assist in locating an elderly gentleman who had been missing for more than 24 hours. Unfortunately he was located but deceased soon after we were called out.
- c. 5/25 Montezuma Pass Rescue: RACES assisted in the rescue of a National Park Service Ranger who had fallen and slide more than 70 feet down a shale surface and suffered a concussion, broken ankle and severe lacerations. He was airlifted by an AZ DPS helicopter to a local Landing Zone and then transferred to AirEvac for a flight to UMC in Tucson for treatment.

**ARCA Report:** No change since last month. The next ARCA meeting will be at the Arizona State Convention/Williams Hamfest July 17-19.

**Past President’s Report:** WB6OTS had nothing further to report.

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

**Old Business:**

- a. HF improvement plan: No movement pending better weather.
- b. CARA Bylaws and Standing Rules Update: One change made to the Standing Rules tonight – more recommendations will be presented at the July meeting. If any members have input they should contact any board member.
- c. Number of VE session annually: No movement.

**New Business:** None presented by board or raised by members.

**50/50 Raffle:** KG7DJY won - \$14 to him and \$14 back to the club treasury.

**Next Club Meeting:** The next meeting will be July 7th at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED  
CARA Secretary