



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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CARA Membership Meeting Minutes

July 7th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President KX6X. Vice President AA7RH, Treasurer K4AFN, Secretary KD7OED and Member at Large KF7PDV were also present. Past President WB6OTS was absent.

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

- a. Jim Heck (W7JVH) will present a future program to the club about a high-powered commercial shortwave station he helped set up in Quito, Ecuador.
- b. K4AFN provided an overview of CARA Field Day operations at Veteran's Memorial Park this year including a great photo presentation that was projected on the screen. KX6X thanked him for the presentation, and thanked all of the folks who helped out. He also presented a "most valuable operator" certificate to KG7DJY in recognition for his running the GOTA station and making many DX contacts with Girl Scouts and new hams. For anyone interested there will be a Field Day AAR lunch meeting at Peter Piper Pizza Wednesday at 1130.
- c. Paradise is just around the corner – see KF7PDV for info.
- d. We still need volunteers to help run the fall swapfest and next spring's hamfest.

Vice-President's Report: AA7RH reported that the new Andrew DB-224 antenna for the 146.76 repeater has arrived. The Kendecom repeater has been turned in for repair. The rotator for the north tower is still dead, as is the phone patch for the 146.76 repeater.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reviewed the minutes from the June meeting as posted in the back of Larson Hall and on the CARA web page.

Motion by KC7GTY seconded by W7OL to accept the minutes; there was no further discussion and the motion carried on a voice vote. KD7OED also reviewed a number of recommended changes to the standing rules and projected the current standing rules with recommended changes on the projector for all to see. Motion by N7INK seconded by N7BIL to accept the changes; there was no further discussion and the motion carried on a voice vote. At a subsequent meeting, KD7OED will present some potential changes to the club bylaws – this will require prior written notification to all club members before those changes can be adopted.

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 last Century Link bill for the phone on Mule Mountain has been paid as the 146.76 repeater is now controlled by a UHF link. If you need a new name badge, contact him at k4afn@arrl.net. The cost of new name badges is \$8 (or free for new club members).

Member at Large Report: KF7PDV reported that this year will be the 35th annual expedition to Paradise. Plans are on track and he will provide a presentation on Paradise next month.

Past President's Report: WB6OTS was absent so no report was given.

RACES Report: N7INK reported on RACES/ARES activity since the last club meeting:

- a. 6/28 Coaster Race Practice Runs: Sixteen RACES members supported this event – total of 40 volunteer hours. Details of the actual race support will be covered in next month's report, but the race organizers were very happy with RACES support.
- b. 6/24: Amateur Radio Field Day: 22 Operators (most of them RACES members) assisted in setup, operation, and teardown of the club station equipment. The MCU was also deployed for this event and had many visitors from the public.
- c. RACES members supported a couple of additional SAR missions without having the MCU called out. The National Park Service

Ranger who had fallen at Montezuma Pass last month is on the road to making a complete recovery.

- d. The Cochise County Cycling Classic Bicycle Race will be held on October 11th. This year it will include a new 27-mile shorter course.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY reported that the next ARCA meeting will be at the Arizona State Convention/Williams Hamfest July 17-19.

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 Update: If any members have input they should contact any board member.
- c. Number of VE session annually: No movement.

New Business:

- a. AB4KE reported that the Boy Scouts will have their annual "On Target" heliograph exercise on September 20th and will be using VHF amateur radio as part of the exercise.
- b. Jacquie Kelly (KD7DZ) recently became a Silent Key. She was a long-time CARA member and XYL of founding member Bob Kelly.

50/50 Raffle: W7OL won a multimeter. The normal split on the 50/50 would have been \$16.50 to the club and \$16.50 to the winner. KC7GTY won but kept only \$5 and returned the other \$11.50 back to the club.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be August 4th at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary