



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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CARA Membership Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 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. Past President WB6OTS and Member at Large KF7PDV were absent.

Program: N7NYG gave a slide presentation about the annual expedition to Paradise which will occur over Labor Day weekend. The presentation covered the basic 5Ws and included a map to the event, a list of other things to do in the area, and photos of past years activities. N7NYG has been working with KF7PDV (who was absent because of a knee injury) to develop a standard checklist for future Paradise planning. A sign-up sheet was passed around to gather information about the number of participants and to help develop a detailed parking plan for the meadow.

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

- a. Reminded all that Jim Heck (W7JVH) will present next month's program to the club about a high-powered commercial shortwave station he helped set up in Quito, Ecuador.
- b. The board discussed the option to purchase additional HF filters to help mitigate interference in future Field Day events. Because Paradise only has two stations operational – the existing filters are sufficient for the short term, but additional requirements analysis is required to determine future Field Day filter needs before any decision is made on additional types and quantity.
- c. The board recognized that we continue to receive donations of gear that is of often of considerable value – the club really needs to document clear procedures on how gear will be either retained, sold, or otherwise disposed of. This is the responsibility of the materiel director – a position that has been unfilled for some time.

- d. The board is still soliciting 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 been tested and is awaiting installation on Mule Mountain after the monsoon weather subsides. The Kendecom (76) repeater is back from repair, but needs to be reprogrammed before it is returned to service. The 447.95 repeater is down for maintenance.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reviewed the minutes from the July meeting as posted in the back of Larson Hall and on the CARA web page – there is one required correction – AB4LE was incorrectly listed as AB4KE. Motion by N7INK seconded by KC7LCE to accept the minutes as corrected; there was no further discussion and the motion carried on a voice vote. KD7OED also reported that he is still working on potential changes to club bylaws, but made little progress over the past month due to his travel schedule. If anyone has specific recommendations – please contact him.

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. 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). He has had trouble with his badge material supplier but is working the issue as quickly as possible.

Member at Large Report: KF7PDV was absent so no report was given

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

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

Public Service Events

7/4 Bisbee Coaster Run: The ARES/RACES unit provided safety and status reports as the coasters travel down Tombstone Canyon in Bisbee. We are evenly spaced in the canyon from the start to finish line. This year we only had 20 drivers in this event.

7/25 Back to School Safety Day: The ARES/RACES unit deployed the MCU to the Back To School Safety Day sponsored by the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. A number of public safety organizations set up at the Crossroads Shopping Center in Sierra Vista. The focus was to provide school kids and their children and opportunity to meet and greet with various agencies in the community.

Emergency Responses

7/3 Ramsey Canyon Search – The ARES/RACES Unit provided base station communications support to three deployed ground teams to locate two overdue hikers. They were located uninjured.

7/9-10 Council Rock Search The ARES/RACES Team deployed the County Mobile Communications Unit on the evening of 7/9 and again on the morning of 7/10 to locate a possible suicidal subject. On the evening of 7/9 the search was terminated late in the evening and returned to Sierra Vista. His vehicle was located but the search was terminated for safety concerns due to darkness and severe weather. It was redeployed the morning of the 10th but terminated late in the day with negative results.

7/27 Fairbank Search: The subject was being sought by law enforcement out of Maricopa County. We had good reason to suspect he was in the local area near where we were setting up and in physical distress, but the subject was located by Border Patrol and in custody about the time we arrived at the search area.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY was absent – KD7OED reported that the annual Williams Hamfest and State Convention was a success with many programs being presented and almost no rain. Next year's event will be moved to the 4th weekend in July (23-26) in order to avoid schedule conflict with the ARRL annual meeting. During the ARCA annual meeting, KF0X was elected as the new 1st Vice-Chair, KW7LH as 2nd Vice Chair, and KD7RCJ as Secretary. WB7RFY will continue as Chair, with KD7OED as past chair and N7PVL as treasurer.

CARA NET Report: KC7GNM was absent so no report was presented. Several members observed that there have been a couple of occasions

recently where no net was held due to the lack of a Net Control Station. K4AFN observed that new net controls are always welcome, and that a backup NCS for every scheduled net is desirable. KD7OED will contact KC7GNM and post a list of scheduled NCS duties on the CARA page.

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: K3RCG reported that he has a Yaesu FT-270R for sale. He purchased it for use while 4-wheeling, but his health now prevents him from that activity so he no longer has use for the radio.

50/50 Raffle: KC7WKT won \$15.50; the other \$15.50 goes to the club.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be September 8th at 7:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary