



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636



CARA Membership Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 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.

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

- a. The club will host a fall swapfest and open house on Saturday, November 1st. Because no members have volunteered to coordinate the event, it will be a strictly informal event held in conjunction with the ARRL November CW communications event.
- b. The club will offer used equipment for sale at every monthly club meeting - members in good standing will receive a 25% discount. The club also encourages members to bring items for sale to or swap with other club members 30 minutes prior to every club meeting (from 6:30 to 7:00 PM). There is no club fee for this monthly sale/swap event.
- c. The club will make facilities available to local Boy Scouts for the annual Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) on 18-19 OCT pending identification of someone from the local scouting community to actually run the event.
- d. The club will host a Technician license class every Saturday in November from 0800 to 1100. The VE session will be held on Saturday November 29th. It is recommended that students acquire the Ham Radio License Manual 3rd edition available from the ARRL, Amazon.com, or any number of ham radio stores. The second edition of the manual contains similar material, but does not include the current question pool (however, the question pool can be downloaded from the ARRL website for free).

Vice-President's Report: AA7RH reported that all repeaters appear to be working satisfactorily except for the 447.95 repeater which is still down for maintenance. He is having trouble reprogramming the Kendecom (76) repeater and it is not yet ready to be returned to service (the Vertex backup repeater remains in service). The new DB-224 antenna has been tested and tuned, but cannot be installed back on Mule Mountain until a standoff bracket is acquired that will allow the top of the 24' antenna to be stabilized in the high winds that occur on Mule Mountain.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reviewed the minutes from the draft August and September meetings that are posted in the back of Larson Hall. One correction is required to the September minutes – the actual 50/50 drawing amount was \$9.50 vice \$15.50 listed in the draft minutes. Motion from AF7HZ seconded by N7DQS to accept the minutes as corrected – the motion passed on a voice vote. KD7OED also reported that the club had received notification that our annual report to the Arizona Corporation Commission was delinquent and will file the report this week.

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.

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:

- a. There were no public service events or emergency responses since the last meeting. Upcoming events include National Night Out on 7 OCT, the Cochise County Cycling Classic on 11 OCT, and the Bisbee 1000 Stair Climb on 18 OCT.
- b. The Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce is planning for the annual Sierra Vista Christmas Parade on December 6th, but the schedule and level of support requested by RACES is uncertain as the chamber has not yet held any planning meetings.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY was absent – KD7OED reported that the next ARCA meeting will be held on October 11th at the Kingman Hamfest.

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

Old Business:

a. HF improvement plan: No movement pending availability of the commercial tower contractor.

b. CARA Bylaws Update: During a previous meeting there was some discussion about a potential change to the bylaws that would permit email voting on issues, but no specific recommendations have come forward so this topic will be discontinued from future meeting agendas.

c. Number of VE session annually: Due to limited availability of instructors no additional classes or VE sessions will be scheduled. This topic will also be discontinued from future meeting agendas.

New Business: AF7HZ noted that he had become a member several months ago, but was not yet listed as a member on the club web page and had not yet received a membership badge. KD7OED said he would correct the web page the following day, but K4AFN advised that he no longer has the ability to produce badges, nor does our previous supplier. K7DTB offered that most of the Tucson clubs use the Badgemanaz.com in Oro Valley – the board will contact them regarding making CARA badges.

50/50 Raffle: Joan (XYL of K7HVV) won \$10.50; the other \$10.50 goes to the club.

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

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary