



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



January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

**President's report:** Vice-President AA7RH provided an overview of tonight's board of directors meeting:

- a. An engineering inspection is due this year in accordance with our lease agreement. The board recommended that we conduct a survey of the towers and cost analysis of how much it will cost to maintain the towers until our existing lease expires in 15 years. KD7OED volunteered to lead the study and will present a rough outline of the study to the board at the next board meeting.
- b. The board approved spending up to \$100 to purchase rubber tires for the small trailer that can be pulled by the lawnmower. Volunteers to help with projects of this type are welcome every Saturday and most Mondays beginning at about 0800.
- c. KC7GTY reported that Yaesu has a new DR-1X repeater that is dual-band 2M/70cm and also does digital modes and is available for club purchase for the very low price of \$500 for a limited time. He recommended that the club invest in one at this low price.

**Vice-President's Report:** AA7RH reported that the Step-IR antenna is now working properly thanks to the help from many members including K4AFN, K7DTB, and W1LYT. The other HF antennas are working well and he encouraged members to come out and operate on HF. The 447.95 repeater is still down for maintenance, and no work will be scheduled on the Mule Mountain repeaters and antennas until spring.

**Secretary's Report:** KD7OED reviewed the minutes from the November meeting that are posted on the web. Motion from KC7GTY seconded by KG7NEL to accept the minutes as published – the motion passed on a voice vote. KD7OED also reported that the Arizona Corporation Commission had approved our annual report and we are now listed in good standing again. He also has a source in for color badges and will get with K4AFN for the artwork to get new badges ordered for the many new members who have not received one yet.

**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. There were no significant expenses this month, and he is prepared to turn over the books to whoever is elected as the new treasurer.

**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. 12/6 Sierra Vista Christmas Parade: The ARES team set up the County Mobile Communications Unit on 12/6 to provide staging assistance for the parade. 15 operators assisted with marshalling the many floats prior to the parade and the Chamber of Commerce thanked us for our help.
- b. 12/30 Overdue Hiker: A hiker was reported lost near Montezuma Pass. One RACES member provided communications support, but the hiker was found quickly without deploying the MCU.
- c. 12/31 Cochise Air: Three members deployed with the MCU on New Year's Eve to support the recovery of the aircrew from Cochise Air. Conditions were very cold and icy, but fortunately the MCU mast did not freeze up the way it did two years ago.
- d. A new repeater (not a CARA repeater) is causing intermodulation problems with the 147.02 repeater that result in us periodically blocking one of the Fry Fire Department frequencies. On January 10<sup>th</sup> a crew will go up to Mule Mountain and disable the 162.2 PL

pass-through feature on the repeater. For this reason, all amateurs who use the repeater should turn off the “decode” or receive side of the PL tone on your radio. You will still be able to hear the repeater, but will still need to enable the “encode” or transmit side of your radio to access the repeater

**ARCA Report:** KC7GTY reported on the ARCA meeting held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Superstition Hamfest. Two actions for CARA are that our repeater coordination is due for renewal as is our ARCA affiliation. Additionally, the Green Valley ARC is requesting donations to install a 10M repeater somewhere in Tucson. The Yuma hamfest will be held 20-21 February and will have 16 major prizes this year. A list of upcoming Arizona Hamfests is maintained on the ARCA web page ([www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)) and ARCA will sponsor both the DeVry hamfest in April and the Williams Hamfest in July.

**CARA NET Report:** KC7GNM has resigned as net coordinator. KG7IHO reported that net participation was low over the holidays, with no nets conducted on Christmas or New Year’s Eves.

### **Old Business:**

- a. The club will continue to offer used equipment for sale at every monthly club meeting - members in good standing receive a 25% discount for items purchased the night of the meeting. Members are also encouraged 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.
- b. No work on Mule Mountain antennas scheduled until spring.

**New Business:** KG7PVC moved that the club should purchase one of the Yaesu DR-1X repeaters, the motions was seconded by KC7GTY. After discussion, KG7PVC amended his motion to require prior approval of the technical director after further review, and KC7GT7 again seconded the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously, and NJ7C and W7SRB volunteered to assist with programming.

**Annual Elections:** AA7RH's term as Vice-President is expiring, as is K4AFN's term as treasurer. Both members declined to serve additional terms due to other family commitments. N7INK nominated NJ7C for the treasurer position, the motion was seconded by W7OL. KG7PVC nominated KG7PVB to serve as Vice-President, the motion was seconded by KC7GTY. Both members were approved by unanimous vote – sincere thanks to K4AFN and AA7RH for their many years of service to the club and congratulations to our new board members! (Note: KG7PVC also volunteered to be the spring hamfest chair, but withdrew his offer subsequent to the meeting – so we still need a hamfest chair).

**50/50 Raffle:** G7PVC won \$25.00; the other \$25.00 goes to the club.

**Next Club Meeting:** The next meeting will be February 2nd at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED  
CARA Secretary