



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



March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM. Vice-President KG7RFX, Treasurer NJ7C, and Secretary KD7OED were also present. Member at Large KF7PDV and Past President WB6OTS were absent.

**Program:** AA7RH presented a set of photos and an explanation of the recent work done on the center tower. The tower is now 40' shorter than before (now 95' high) and properly guyed, and the remnants of the old 40-meter boom have been removed. The removal of both hazards make the tower significantly safer than it was before.

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

- a. Additional work is required to get the towers certified to comply with current engineering standards. There is a possibility that some of the work can be done by club members – more information will be provided next month.
- b. Planning for the annual hamfest is well underway – but additional volunteers are needed for publicity and Junque sales.

**Vice-President's Report:** KG7RFX (formerly KG7PVB) reported that he has attended the Yuma hamfest and was quite impressed with the event. He has access to a large backhoe if one is required to assist in the tower work, and volunteered to help with Junque sales at the hamfest.

**Technical Report:** AA7RH reported that he will contact some friends from Army Electronic Proving Ground range personnel to assist identifying sources of RFI on Mule Mountain.

**Secretary's Report:** KD7OED reviewed the minutes from the February meeting that are posted on the web. Motion from AF7HZ seconded by KC7GTY to accept the minutes as published – the motion passed on a

voice vote. KD7OED also reported he has placed the order for new membership badges with WeFramelt in Sierra Vista – the badges will be available at the next club meeting. He also stated that comments on the City/County initiative to extend Buffalo Soldier Trail out to Moson Road can be submitted at this website: <http://www.svmmpo.org> .

**Treasurer's Report:** NJ7C 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 was a significant expense this month for the center tower work, and he had to cash in one of the Certificates of Deposit in order to cover the bill. The antenna improvement fund balance is now zero.

**Motion:** by W7OL seconded by AA7RH to change the standing rules so that proceeds from the 50/50 drawing go to the antenna improvement fund instead of the repeater fund. There was limited discussion, and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**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. **2/5 Overdue Hiker E. Stronghold** – Responded for an overdue hiker. Terminated before we were able to arrive at Command Post. Subject Located. 3 volunteers x 1.5 hours each - 4.5 hours total.
- b. **2/6 Sierra Vista, lost walker** – Responded for a gentleman who walked away from his home and was headed to Tombstone. He was located about 3 miles from his home and in good shape. Initial report was he suffered from dementia. A Silver Alert was broadcast. Several agencies responded. (Sheriff, SAR, Border Patrol, Bisbee PD, Dept of Corrections K9). 4 volunteers x 3 hours each – 12 hours total.
- c. **2/8 Overdue Hiker, Carr Canyon** – Barely out the door when subject was reported found. Shortest search ever!

- d. **3/6 Old Pueblo 50** – multiple volunteers will assist with the upcoming Old Pueblo 50 footrace in the Santa Rita Mountains – will give report next month.

**ARCA Report:** KC7GTY reported that the Yuma hamfest was very well attended. There will be another ARCA meeting at the ARCA/Scottsdale Springfest on 21 March, where there will be additional discussion about the 10M repeater proposal from the Green Valley ARC.

**CARA NET Report:** The club still needs a net coordinator and additional volunteers to serve as NCS stations – it is a great way for new hams to get more comfortable and hone their operating procedures.

### **Old Business:**

- a. KG7DJY was absent, so no Field Day update was provided. volunteered to organize the CARA 2015 Field Day event.
- b. The Yaesu DR-1X repeater is still on backorder.
- c. 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.
- d. Status of annual Labor Day Paradise expedition – no update.
- e. No work on Mule Mountain antennas is scheduled until spring.
- f. Special Service Club renewal status – no update.

**New Business:** K4AFN reported that there appears to be a leak in the Morgan Manor roof, but the water damage appears to be limited to the back room that is only used for storage. A work party will convene on Saturday to examine the problem, and KX6X requested that nobody climb on the roof until the damage can be fully assessed and repaired.

**50/50 Raffle:** KG7PVC won \$16.00; the other \$16.00 goes to the club.

**Next Club Meeting:** The next meeting will be April 6th at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED  
CARA Secretary