



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



February 1, 2016

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. Vice-President KG7IHO, Treasurer NJ7C, Secretary KD7OED and Member at Large KE4ZZA were present. Past President WB6OTS was absent.

Program: There was no program this month.

President's report: KX6X reported on the board of director's meeting:

a. The club remains in desperate need of a volunteer to coordinate activities for the annual May hamfest. If no volunteer is found before the March meeting, the event will have to be canceled because of a lack of time to coordinate all activities.

b. The club sold the Heathkit linear amplifier, and will retain the Henry amplifier that had previously been listed for sale.

Vice President's Report: KG7IHO reported that he has reserved Ramada #2 at Veteran's Memorial Park for the annual CARA Field Day event. This year will include a major effort to maximize bonus points. The Farmers Market has also offered us a table to promote the activity.

Treasurer's Report: NJ7C reported we received a whopping 19 cents of interest for the month of January. Expenses included \$16.51 for the phone and \$36.87 for electric. A copy of the current treasurer's report is posted on the Larson Hall bulletin board.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reported on the minutes from the January. Motion by N7INK seconded by AF7HZ to accept the minutes as published; the motion passed on a voice vote. There a few new club member items for sale listed on the club website.

Member At Large: KE4ZZS reported that the ARRL National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) event is now in full swing in honor of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. He also noted that due to our proximity to the border one never knows who is monitoring your amateur transmissions, so please exercise caution when discussing any sensitive topics on the air.

Technical Report: AA7RH was absent so no report was given.

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on activity since December:

11/6 Balance Ranch Academy Search: In the late evening of 12 January ARES/RACES was requested to deploy the County Mobile Communications Unit and support the Search and Rescue locate a 17 year old walk away from the In Balance Academy. He was located on a tip from a Gas Station attendant at approximately 1:30 AM. He had walked approximately 8 miles from the facility.

Schedule of Upcoming Public Service Events:

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| 02/13/2016 | MCU Refresher Class |
| 03/05/2016 | Old Pueblo 50 Foot Race |
| 04/17/2016 | SV Thunder Mountain Games - Bicycle Race |
| 04/29/2016 | S.T.E.M. Cochise College |
| 07/04/2016 | Bisbee Coaster Race |
| 09/3-5/2016 | Paradise |
| 10/08/2016 | Cochise County Cycling Classic |

ARCA Report: KC7GTY reported that the ARRL Southwest Division Convention will be held in Yuma on February 29th and 20th. This is always a great hamfest with lots of prizes, and a number of ham radio vendors. Other upcoming events include the Scottsdale hamfest on March 19th, the Tucson Hamfest on March 26th (note: new location at the Old Spanish Trail Target Store), the DeVry Hamfest on April 9th and (hopefully) the CARA hamfest on May 7th. The next ARCA meeting will be at the Scottsdale Hamfest. Nominations for scholarships, ham of the year, and young ham of the year are due by May 1st – applications and further information is available at www.arca-az.org.

CARA NET Report: KG7IHO reported that additional net control stations for the CARA net are always welcome – contact him for further information.

Old Business: There has been no new action on radio tower upgrades or Morgan Manor cleanout.

New Business: None was conducted.

50/50 Raffle: KD7OED won the raffle and donated his \$11 winnings back to the club for a total of \$22 going to the HF antenna improvement fund.

Next Club Meeting: The next club meeting will be held Monday, March 7th at 7:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary