



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



June 6th, 2016

Treasurer NJ7C called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Secretary KD7OED and Member-at-Large KE4ZZS were also present. President KX6X, Vice-President KG7IHO and Past President WB6OTS were absent.

Program: There was no formal presentation this month – the meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming Amateur Radio Field Day.

President's report: KX6X was unable to attend due to returning from business in Tucson, so no report was given.

Vice-President's Report: KG7IHO was absent, but is still spending much of his time taking care of his ailing mother and will not be able to be an active participant in club activities for the foreseeable future. If anyone else is willing to take over Vice-President's position he will gladly step aside.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reported that the minutes from the May meeting are posted on the web with a copy on the bulletin board in back of the hall. Motion by KC7GTU seconded by N7UAX to accept the minutes as published – the motion carried on a voice vote. KD7OED reminded members that dues are due by the end of June. The annual Arizona Corporation Commission report has been filed and the club remains in good standing.

Treasurer's Report: NJ7C reported that during the last month the club spent \$21 on fuel for the upcoming Field Day event, \$50 on a newspaper advertisement thanking local businesses for supporting the May hamfest, and \$147 on hamfest raffle tickets – all from the general fund. Additionally \$65 was spent from the EMCOM fund to digitize the RACES logo for printing on RACES member shirts. A copy of the report is posted at the back of Larson Hall, and a breakdown of Field Day expenses and revenues will be provided at the July meeting.

Member at Large Report: KE7ZZS reported that the ARRL National Parks on the Air activity is ongoing – and several club members have already activated entities within Cochise County. More information can be found at <https://npota.arrl.org/>.

Technical Report: AA7RH reported that the 146.76 repeater performance is down, and it is suspected that the power transistors have failed. A work party will make a trip to the mountain next week to swap the ailing Vertex unit with the older Kendecom unit that was rebuilt last year. A resonant antenna stub for 40M and 15M was recently constructed that will help isolate those bands from other 20M and 75M activity during Field Day.

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

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on activity since April: None

Emergency Responses: N7INK reported on activity since April:

- a. 5/21 – Ghost Town Trail – – The ARES/RACES Unit was requested to support a search for subject complaining of fatigue and dehydration. She reported that she really did not know where she was but the cell phone ping placed her in the Ghost Town Trail area near Gleeson. We deployed the County Mobile Communications unit to support the Search operation. Footprints were located by the ground search team and a tracking dog alerted, tracked and located the subject. The Cochise County SO helicopter was able to land near and transport the subject to the CP where she was transferred to an ambulance and taken to the hospital.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY reported that the next ARCA meeting will be at the Williams Hamfest on July 23rd.

CARA NET Report: The club still needs a net coordinator and volunteers to cover the Thursday night net. This is a great way for new hams to get more comfortable and hone their operating procedures.

Field Day: KG7DJY provided a Field Day update. The club has reserved a ramada in Veteran's Memorial Park and will run a minimum of three

stations plus a GOTA station. The crew will load up all equipment the day prior, and begin setting up in the part about 0530 on Saturday. We still need digital and CW operators to help with the overnight shift. If you would like to help please contact KG7DJY – Field Day is June 25th and 26th.

Old Business: KD7OED reported that the Arizona Repeater Association (ARA) is still interested in linking that repeater to the ARA network that includes central and some of northern Arizona. Discussion was generally favorable to the idea – so KD7OED will continue to explore potential technical approaches and cost with AA7JB and the ARA. It was also noted that the ARA donated \$2000 to CARA many years ago to purchase the Kendecom/146.76 repeater.

New Business: KG7DJY suggested that the club should conduct regular training activities to increase member proficiency. Much discussion followed, but no specific plan was adopted. N7INK noted that Wicked Limits (the vendor who supplied RACES t-shirts) is able to make CARA club t-shirts. If you are interested in a club t-shirt contact Kevin/KI7EKT.

50/50 Raffle: ??? won \$28.00; the other \$28.00 goes to the club.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be July 11th at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary