



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



July 11th, 2016

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Treasurer NJ7C Vice-President KG7IHO and Member-at-Large KE4ZZS were also present. Secretary KD7OED and Past President WB6OTS were absent.

Program: There was no formal presentation this month.

President's report: KX6X reported that the club needs to make a decision about whether to support the annual Paradise DXpedition this year. So far only 3 folks have committed to attend, and a minimum of 10 are needed to make this a viable event. N7INK will submit a notice to the ARRL about the upcoming event in anticipation that more folks will sign up – a final decision will be made at the August meeting.

Field Day after action comments should be submitted to KG7DJY via email (guadalupee@gmail.com) so that he can complete his Field Day report. If you have any photos from Field Day please include them so they can be posted on Facebook and on the CARA web page. KI7EKT has now taken over the Facebook page and is willing to remake the K7RDG.ORG page, too. Field day logs will be submitted to K7DTB and he will pass them to W5MHN for posting to Logbook of the World.

The 2016 ARRL Arizona State Convention will be held October 21-22 in Maricopa – part of the ARCA plan to rotate the convention to multiple different locations around the state.

Vice-President's Report: KG7IHO had no specific comments this month.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED was absent so no report was given.

Treasurer's Report: NJ7C reported that during the last month the club spent \$58.40 for Green Acres electricity, \$33.18 for the Larson Hall and Mule Mountain phone service, \$147.10 on hamfest tickets, \$45 on a club banner for Field Day, \$169.31 for a new Field Day CW antenna, and \$9.39 for water for Field Day for a total of \$462.27. Revenue included \$110 for membership, \$28 from the 50/50 drawing, and \$0.69 in interest from our bank accounts for a total of \$138.69. It was recommended that next year we spend an additional \$15 to hype the Field Day event on Facebook. A copy of the report is posted at the back of Larson Hall, and NJ7C also noted that next month will include an expense for club license renewal. He also reported that the May hamfest resulted in a profit of \$224.29 to the club, most of which came from Junque sales as the raffle ran more than \$560 in the red this year.

Member at Large Report: KE7ZZS had nothing to report.

Technical Report: AA7RH reported that AA7JB is still working to replace the power transistors on the 146.76 Vertex repeater – in the meantime the older Kendecom unit remains in service.

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

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on activity since May. The ARES group supported the Bisbee Coaster race practice runs on June 25th, and the actual race on July 4th (more on that next month). Additionally, 14 members completed the AUXCOM class from June 3-6 at the Sierra Vista Fire Station. Upcoming events include the Paradise expedition over Labor Day, the NAMI bicycle tour in September, and the Cochise County Cycling Classic in October.

Emergency Responses: N7INK reported no call-outs in June.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY was absent so no report was given.

CARA NET Report: The club still needs a net coordinator and volunteers to cover the Thursday night net. KD7OED has provided a script to several club members; AF7HZ and KI7EKT have expressed interest in performing

this duty. This is a great way for new hams to get more comfortable and hone their operating procedures.

Old Business: KD7OED was absent, but will report on the potential to link with the Arizona Repeater Association (ARA) system next month.

Much discussion occurred reference potential Saturday morning training activities to increase member proficiency. Suggestions included classes on how to program your radio, how to use a spectrum analyzer or signal generator, antenna stubs to reduce Field Day interference, and a tour of the Mule Mountain repeater site. No specific plans were adopted.

The design for new CARA T-shirts is complete, but requires a minimum order of 25 before they can be printed. The price is \$15 without pocket or \$17 with pocket. If you are interested in buying one, contact NJ7C via email at chidesterdale@gmail.com.

New Business: Motion by NJ7C, seconded by AF7HZ, to spend up to \$50 to procure Anderson Powerpole connectors for club equipment and make them available for member use. The motion passed on a voice vote.

50/50 Raffle: KI7EKT won and donated his proceeds back to the club. KE4ZZS won a \$25 Olive Garden gift certificate that was left over from the May hamfest.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be August 1st at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary