



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



Minutes of the CARA Membership Meeting
September 12th, 2016

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. Vice-President KG7IHO, Treasurer NJ7C, and Secretary KD7OED were also present. Past President WB6OTS and Member-at-Large KE4ZZS were absent.

Program: This month's presentation was by Mike McKearney, the Acting Fry Fire Chief. Mr. McKearney presented certificates of appreciation to KG7IHO and NJ7C for their participation in a recent customer service survey of Fry Fire District customers and provided excellent feedback and recommendations on how the district should move forward in the future.

President's report: KX6X reported that the club grass cutting held on Saturday, August 6th was a success, but due to additional monsoon rains we need to work on cutting it again. Vice-President KG7IHO has resigned due to family commitments, so the club is seeking a volunteer to serve as Vice-President. He also advised that although we are on the downward side of the sunspot cycle, the bands are by no means dead (so get on the air and call CQ!). The other night he called CQ on 20M at 9:00 PM and had a contact with a JA station almost immediately!

Vice-President's Report: KG7IHO expressed regret that he was unable to continue to serve due to his family situation.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reported that the minutes from the August meetings were posted on the club website and in the back of Larson Hall Motion by AF7HZ seconded by W7OL to approve the minutes. The motion passed on a voice vote. The club now has 18 life members and 56 regular members in good standing for a total of 74 members in good standing. The club also has 29 lapsed members who's dues are more than a year past due. Congratulations to new member Steve/KD7PCE and Ed/KG7PVC for renewing this month!

Treasurer's Report: NJ7C reported that August income was \$512.18 including membership, soda fund and 50/50 raffle donations. Expenses totaled \$218.20 including electric and phone bills, and lawnmower repair. A copy of the report is posted in back of Larson Hall.

Member at Large Report: KE7ZZS was absent so no report was given.

Technical Report: AA7JB was on vacation much of August, and is still working to replace the power transistors on the 146.76 Vertex repeater – in the meantime the older Kendecom unit remains in service. Programming of the Yaesu repeater is on hold pending repair of the Vertex repeater.

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

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on activity since July. The club conducted our annual DXpedition to Paradise and made more than 400 contacts. After this event, the Mobile Communications Unit was turned in for regular service, including additional repair of the stabilizing jacks and the air conditioner. Additionally, 2 RACES net training sessions were conducted for a total of 103.5 volunteer hours. Upcoming events include:

9/24/2016	Support to NAMI Bike Ride
10/04/2016	National Night Out – Sierra Vista
10/08/2016	Cochise County Cycling Classic (4C), Douglas
10/15/2016	Bisbee 1000 Stair Climb, Bisbee
10/15/2016	American Equestrian Endurance Ride, Sonoita
11/12/2016	Colossal Cave/Vail 50/50 Run, Vail
12/03/2016	Sierra Vista Christmas Parade

Emergency Responses:

8/14 Search and Rescue Mission Carr Canyon – The Cochise County Sheriff's Office received a call to assist a family of four who were stranded in the dark near the base of the Carr Canyon Falls. The ARES/RACES team provided backup communications support to the SAR team. This trail is quite treacherous and difficult during daylight and worse at night. The family was located and safely guided down to the bridge at the road.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY reported on a number of upcoming hamfests. The next ARCA meeting will be held at the Arizona ARRL State Convention in Maricopa (“COPAFEST”) which runs from noon Friday 20 October until 4:00 PM Saturday 21 OCT. More information can be found at www.copahams.org .

CARA NET Report: The club always welcomes new net control stations as it is a great way for hams to hone their operating procedures.

Old Business:

- Repeater Linking: No update due to AA7JB’s vacation and the Paradise DXpedition.
- Repeater Coordination: AA7JB reported that the coordination paperwork for all three CARA repeaters has been resubmitted to the ARCA frequency coordination committee.
- 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 KD7OED via email at kd7oed@arrl.net (*Note: this is a change subsequent to the September meeting due to the illness of NJ7C*).
- Saturday Activities: The club now has a cable for programming Baofeng radios. KI7EKT will load the Chirp software on the club computer and provide training on occasional Saturdays. The club is soliciting other volunteers to help members with Saturday projects.

New Business: None raised by members.

50/50 Raffle: KC7GTY won a \$20 gift certificate from Applebee’s. W7OL won the 50/50 raffle, but donated all \$5 back to the club for a total club income of \$33.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be October 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary