

CARA DRAFT Minutes for 5/7/2018

Meeting was called to order by president "G" Guadalupe at 19:00.

After the pledge of allegiance, members and guests were invited to introduce themselves.

A presentation on a sweep antenna was given by Our Web Mistress Jackie, KD8M.

Vice President's Report (Kevin, N7FMJ) – Kevin is not here.

Secretary's Report (Tammy, KG7TPI) – Tammy is not here. The minutes for Mays meeting are posted in the back. Lance, KD7HZ, moves to accept the Secretary Minutes, Graham, WB6OTS, seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Amie, KI7FRU) - Amie is not here. However the Business Checking Account has \$3,923.98, the Business Market Rate Savings has \$3413.53 and the Time Account has \$12,041.64. The money from the Hamfest has not been deposited.

Past President's Report (Ken, KX6X)– Ken is not here.

Tech Report (Vince, AA7JB) – The 440 Repeater is up and running. A new antenna was mounted a couple weeks ago and it has been working well.

DSTAR Lance, AD7HZ – The power supply on the computer has died. Someone reset the router, the router that had a DO NOT TOUCH sticker on it, and now it needs to be reprogrammed. LEAVE THE ROUTER ALONE.

Public Service Report (Bob, N7INK) –

- We had two SAR call outs requiring our assistance or Public Service activities for the month. The first was on Miller Canyon Trail. The call was a rescue for a dehydrated hiker and his dog but it turned out the dog had been on the trail all day without paw protection and his paws were too torn up and lacerated for him to continue. The second was on Brewery Gulch Trail. An intoxicated person went out there and fell down. He broke his wrist a possibly his spine. We had to bring him out in a stokes basket.
- The amateur radio antenna on the new Hospital has been fixed.
- We did the Norther Cochise Community Health Fair. We took the MCU up to that and did a meet and greet.
- BLM has signed off on removing the old tower and putting up the new one. The steel has been ordered and they expect to have it up in the middle of July, but weather might delay the construction.
- The Tri-Peak summit race is on May 26th. They would like us to deploy the MCU as a command post at the Miller peak trail head. I need one volunteer to operate from 5am to 11am. Get in touch with me if you are interested.

- The Bisbee Coaster Race is coming up. The practice run will be June 30. The race will be July 4.
- The Paradise Special Event is going to be happening September 1-3, Labor Day Weekend.
- The NAMI Bike Event will be on September 29.

ARCA Report – (Mike, KC7GTY) – Mike is not here. There are flyers in the back for the 2018 ARCA / ARRL convention in Prescott on June 1-2. The White Mountain Hamfest will be July 21. The ARCA website is ARCA-az.org.

Director-at-large (Daniel, KE4ZZS) – Nothing significant to report

CARA Net Report (Lance, AD7HZ) - Just a reminder the CARA Net is held every Thursday evening at 19:00 (7 PM) on the 146.76- (PL 162.2 repeater. We are always looking for volunteers to take a net control session.)

President's Report (G, KG7DGY)

- We need to have another VE testing before June 30. The new Tech questions will be coming out in July. A date will be forthcoming.
- We had a situation where somebody checked a book out of the library to study for the VE Testing. It was a 2006 edition. Needless to say the test was the 2018 test. I suggest we purchase updated books for all the local libraries.
- On May 19, at 9:00am, we will have a skills day for new operators. The new operators can come in and work with experienced operators and learn everything else involved in being a ham other than the test answers. You can bring in your radios and we can help you program them.

Old Business – Rob did a great job on the Hamfest.

Rob, KG7NLC, - Hamfest went really well. We had 14 swap meet sellers that earned the club \$75.00. We had 15 tests administered. 9 were passed. We sold \$470.00 worth of raffle tickets. The budget for prizes was \$500.00. I won't know what our total earnings were until I touch base with Kevin.

Field Day Report - (Grant, WB6OTS) – Field Day is scheduled for June 23rd and 24th. It will be held at Tompkins Park (where the dog park is) Ramada 6. We are going to be operating a QRP station using solar panels and marine batteries. That will net us six points per contact on the QRP station. It will also eliminate interference from the other radios using the same antenna. We need extra laptops. We need at least 3. Laptops. Tammy volunteered two laptops. We will have the schedule of operations up this

month. We have to be ready to operate at 11:00am. We operate from 11:00am on Saturday until 11:00am on Sunday. We will be running QRP/CW, a digital, a voice and a GOTA station. Bring your family and friends and they can get on the GOTA station.

New Business

Bob, N7INK, the Cochise County MOU concerning our physical presence here and on the mountain has been presented to the county. It is up for final review. The problem we are running into is a lack of insurance for our equipment. If it is not insured, by a third party, the MOU will likely be denied. It will cost us, as a club, approximately \$112.00 a year to insure our equipment we currently have on Mule Mountain. I recommend to the board that we purchase the club insurance offered by the ARRL. Lee, KD7OED, moves to reserve up to \$150.00 this year for insurance to cover our equipment. The motion was seconded by Jackie, KD8M. The motion passed.

50/50 Drawing – The winner was Chuck. (\$22)

Next meeting will be June 4, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:13.