



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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CARA Meeting Minutes
April 4th, 2019

Vice President Peter Pototsky/NH6BF called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Treasurer Bob Lee/W5OBT, Secretary Lee Ilse/K7OED and Member at Large Daniel Riley/KE4ZZS were present. President Bill McNab/N7BIL and Past President Kevin White/N7FMJ were absent.

President's Report: N7BIL was absent due to the passing of his wife. NH6BF requested and the club members observed a moment of silence in her memory.

Program: AF7HZ gave a presentation on the D-STAR repeater that was recently restored to operation and connected to the internet. The presentation included instructions on how to access not only the local repeater, but also how it can be used to call other individually registered D-STAR users across the world.

Vice-President's Report: NH6BF reported that the board had discussed several items that will be covered under new business.

Treasurer's Report: W5OBT gave an update on the club financial accounts. Expenses this month included \$54.95 for internet access and \$94 for electric leaving a current account balance is \$20,732.44. Motion by WB6OTS seconded by KD8M to accept the report as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: K7OED reported that a copy of the draft minutes from the March meeting had been posted on the web and were also posted in the back of the hall. Motion by KD8M seconded by AF7HZ to accept the minutes as posted. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. K7OED also reminded members that he still has some badges that haven't been distributed to new members.

Member at Large Report: WB6OTS reported that plans are underway for club Field Day activities to be held on June 22nd and 23rd. More information will be forthcoming during the May meeting.

Past President's Report: N7FMJ was absent so no report was given.

Technical report: AA7JB reported that all repeaters are currently working well. Plans are underway to improve the V/UHF stations at the club by installing antennas on tower sections recently acquired from a donation by the estate of Lloyd Ford. He has also been in contact with Department of Agriculture animal control Officer Al Tomlinson to assist in dealing with an apparent critter control problem near Morgan manor.

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on ARES/RACES activity during the month of March. We had only two activations this month. The first was for a lost hiker in the Huachuca Mountains, but N7INK was able to support that mission from his home station without deploying the MCU. The second was for a missing 40-year-old man near the Love's Plaza in Benson. The RACES team deployed with the MCU, but the subject was located just before the team arrived on site. Total volunteer participation for this month included 100 hours of training, and 18 hours of emergency operations for a total of 118 hours.

Upcoming Events Include:

04/06:	New Skywarn Class Just for Hams (Tucson)
04/20:	Search and Rescue Training (Dry Canyon)
05/25:	Sky Island Challenge
06/29	Bisbee Coaster Race Practice Runs
07/04	Bisbee Coaster Race

ARCA/ARRL Report: K7OED reported that the next ARCA meeting will be at the DeVry Hamfest on April 20th. Applications for ARCA scholarships and ham-of-the-year nominations must be received by May 1st – forms are on the ARCA website.

CARA NET Report: AF7HZ reported that the Thursday night net on the 146.76 repeater is still going well. Volunteers for NCS duty are always welcome as it is great training for new hams.

May Hamfest: K4AFN reported that there are hamfest flyers around the hall – please feel free to take them and distribute. At this time we are on track and sponsored by the ARRL (AZ Section Manager W7RAP will be here). We are also listed on the ARCA webpage and have some great prizes chosen including an IC-718 (great HF radio), an ID-51A Plus 2 (D-STAR handheld), and an MFJ 30-amp power supply. The hamfest raffle donation tickets have arrived and have been bundled in sets of 6 – he has them available tonight. The only other near-term action is to purchase the prizes and try to get some hourly prizes from local vendors.

Old Business:

- Repeater Linking: No update pending additional discussion with ARA now that the Mule Mountain tower upgrade is complete.
- South Tower Guy repair: AA7JB and W7WRJ were absent, so no update was provided.
- WB6OTS was absent so no Field Day update was provided.
- K4AFN's Technician License class and WB6OTS's General License class are underway - both are geared to prepare students to take exams during the May hamfest.

New Business:

- NH6BF reported on some recent board actions. At the March 28, 2019 meeting the board approved expenditure of up to \$100 for additional lightning protection for Jean's Shed (where the D-STAR repeater is located), \$100 for a new power supply for the SteppIR antenna, use of the tower sections donated by Lloyd Ford's estate for use with the club V/UHF stations, and expenditure of \$50 for cleaning supplies and other sundries to support the upcoming hamfest.
- K7OED reported on propose changes to the CARA standing rules that had been discussed and recommended by the board. These changes include procedures to document board approval of expenses less than

\$500, and striking the language that made the board of director's meetings scheduled for the same night as the regular club meeting in favor of language that the time and date will be determined by the president. Motion by N7INK seconded by AA7JB to accept the changes as recommended by the board. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

50/50 Raffle: WA7UWG won the 50/50 drawing of \$18 with \$9 going to him and the other \$9 going to the club HF antenna improvement fund.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be on May 6th at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/K7OED
CARA Secretary