

ORO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
an Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
February 2, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on February 2, 2013 at 8:30 A.M. at the Oro Valley Police Department Emergency Operations Center, 1920 E Tangerine Road.

In attendance at said meeting were the following Board Officers and Directors:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR -- President  
Gary Pierce, AE7GP -- Vice President  
David Beauchesne, AK2L -- Treasurer  
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary  
Dave Coccio, N7AKC  
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ  
David Branson, KC0LL  
Bob Stephens, AF9W

Not in attendance:

Tim Brown, KF7SYU

The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan, KA7VPR.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings having been waived,

Upon Motion duly made, seconded and carried,

RESOLVED Approving the minutes of the following Meetings:

Annual Membership Meeting held January 18, 2013;  
Board of Directors Meeting held January 18, 2013;  
Special Board of Directors Meeting held in Executive Session January 31, 2013.

The President and Secretary signed a copy of said Minutes and the signed copies were placed in the Corporate Record.

Tom Kravek, W8TK, was present and discussed our plans for Field Day. Tom was previously appointed shortly after Field Day 2012 by Founder and past President Randy Malick, KF0X, to serve as Field Day Chairman for 2013. The Secretary notes as a technical matter there is no record of Board approval or ratification of the appointment.

Following a brief discussion, upon Motion duly made, seconded and carried, and without objection,

RESOLVED that Tom Kravek, W8TK, is appointed as OVARC Field Day Chairman for 2013.

N7AKC agreed to spearhead the Field Day dinner at Tom's suggestion.

Tom emphasized that we need better organization in the radio operations area, particularly in regard to the GOTA station.

Tom explained that only three HF bands will be open at one time. The Contest Category will be 3F, and we don't need separate digital stations. All stations need to operate all modes. Will need a schedule for operators. Operators choose the mode they wish to operate.

KT7AZ discussed the logistics of the antennas at the EOC.

AE7GP discussed the concept of using the double bazooka built out of coax. The precise technical aspects of antenna configuration will be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

Tom emphasized that the GOTA station needs a dedicated coach to help Hams and non Hams to get on the air.

To a lot of those present, Field Day is more about having fun than it is about being competitive. However, Tom explained that the score allows us to measure our progress for year to year. So the score does matter. Tom believes our score this year will improve over last year even though we will be using one less radio.

Schedules should be kept to one hour shifts for optimal operation.

We will use is N1MM software. Information concerning the software can be found at the following web site: [N1MM.com](http://N1MM.com)

A Summary of Tom's presentation is attached to these Minutes.

Tom then departed after a well prepared and executed presentation and the Board continued with business.

Suggestions were made regarding the possibility of teleconferencing special meetings. We currently have two suggestions: "ooVoo" and "Skype". Both of these providers will be tested by Board Members in the coming weeks and a discussion regarding same will be held at a future Board meeting.

Raffle prize ideas presented were by AK2L.

N7AKC had idea for gift cards.

AE7GP said he could occasionally bring some prizes from his store.

KC0LL had the suggestion that people should pick their prize from a list of available prizes.

Technician class. AF9W and KA7VPR will be the instructors. Classes will begin the first week in March.

A discussion regarding fees for classes and testing followed. AK2L noted that the study book costs approximately \$23.00. The Class Fee was \$10.00 and Test Fee was \$15.00. AK2L came up with a new idea to bundle class and testing fee up front \$40.00 fee which would include a free OVARC membership. The purchase of the book, would of course be an extra fee that the person taking the test would have to pay him/herself.

Upon Motion duly made, Seconded, and Carried, and without objection,

RESOLVED Bundling the Testing and Class fee, which shall now be \$40.00.

The idea was then posed of having a non-Board member taking over VE responsibilities from AK2L. Jim Garrity, WA1KFI has volunteered to take over those responsibilities.

Upon Motion duly made, Seconded, and Carried, and without objection,

RESOLVED Jim Garrity, WA1KFI is appointed as VE Coordinator for OVARC to take over those VE Responsibilities currently being handled by AK2L.

There was then a question whether there is an interest in holding a instruction class for the General License. KA7VPR indicated that a call will be made on the Weekly Sunday Evening OVARC Net. KB7AZ, Carl, will be net control this Sunday and Bob will ask Carl to make the announcement. AE7GP says he knows of three individuals who would be interested in attending General Class instruction. Bob (AF9W) will put it all out on the web site and announcements will be made at the general meeting.

KA7VPR and AK2L then addressed some preliminary thoughts about Hamfest. Last year we didn't make out well financially. We need to think about if we will do it again and if so at what scale? AK2L will get numbers out to all Board Members concerning the results of last year. AE7GP thought we had a positive attendance last year. The matter was tabled for now.

KA7VPR indicated we need to be on top of events like contests. We need to eventually appoint an event/contest chairman. AF9W volunteered to get information out on the web site.

AE7GP brought up the RST Hamfest. KA7VPR indicated he didn't think we would have any issues if someone wants to hand out promotional material at the Club Meeting after having a board member look at it.

The last item of business was the question of the 1-800 line that Randy had for the hamfest, which costs about \$5.00 per month.

Upon Motion duly made, Seconded, and carried,

RESOLVED that the line will be disconnected and the service cancelled.

There being no further business for the Board, upon by Motion duly made, seconded, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

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Bob Molczan, KA7VPR  
President

Attest:

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Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC  
Secretary

# EXHIBIT “A”

## OVARC Field Day 2013

Problems in 2012: Some operators not busy, some radios not busy. GOTA station was underutilized and lacked coaches.

Solutions: 3 HF stations (20m, 10/40m, 15/80m) so that each station always has an open band/antenna. Each station is capable of all modes so "digital station" doesn't have to compete for a band/antenna. Operators are pre-subscribed for time slots and operator becomes "captain of his ship".

GOTA station is capable of SSB on all bands at any time, with separate antenna(s) and has coach assigned in advance for teaching. Coach does not operate, but provides guidance to new hams or even unlicensed hams (who require a licensed control operator).

Antennas: tribander on short tower with triplexer provides 10/15/20 meters, worked well last year. Inverted Vee for 40 and another for 80 give good domestic coverage and are resonant and broadbanded so no tuner is required. If all antennas are resonant, bandpass filters are protected.

Radios: modern HF transceivers with good adjacent channel rejection should keep inter-station interference to a minimum. Each station has digital interface and is capable of all modes. CW is computer generated. SSB uses foot switch and boom microphone for hands-free operation. Outboard headphone amplifier provides audio for spectators wishing to listen.

VHF/UHF station does not add a transmitter as far as our category is concerned. Opportunities for bonus points (message to SM, satellite QSO, educational activity) make this station important.

Software is easily networked among all computers on site, provides for logging of all modes, is capable of generating Cabrillo file and dupe sheet for log submission to ARRL. Software recognizes radio data and generates CW via WinKey.

Score is important! It alone gives us a measure of our effectiveness as an emergency communication resource and encourages us to improve each year.

73 de W8TK  
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