

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

Minutes of Members Meeting
March 15, 2013

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on March 15, 2013 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 11575 N 1st Ave., Oro Valley, Arizona.

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
Tim Brown, KF7SYU
Bob Stephens, AF9W

26 Members and 5 visitors present per the Roster, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes.

The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR

New Members were introduced.

The Board and Officers were introduced.

The President reported that Club Member and former Board Member Ron Herring, W7HD, is in the hospital, but is recovering. The Membership is encouraged to stop by the hospital or call Ron.

AK2L talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

Presentation by Jeff Dougherty, W0NWA, Official Observer Coordinator for Arizona.

Business section of meeting:

Reading minutes waived. Upon Motion Duly made, Seconded and Carried, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were Approved.

Treasurer David Beauchesne, AK2L, reported that the Club has \$2816.00 in the bank account at this time. We currently have 115 paid members. We are now a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Additionally, the Club can now accept dues with a credit card.

KA7VPR indicated that we will have a Field Day Meeting soon. Date and time to be announced.

W8TK, Tom, Field Day Chairman, reported that we will have three HF stations capable of operating on all modes. We will have a schedule of operation. Tom reported that Dave, N7AKC, will be preparing a gourmet dinner for Field Day. Tom also reported that the GOTA station will operate solar power courtesy of Tim, KF7SYU.

The Presented reported as follows:

We are looking for satellite expertise and equipment for Field Day.

We are looking for help in presentations.

We Will be canceling the General licensing class unless we get more sign ups.

We will be having a Hamfest Planning Meeting, date and time to be announced.

We will be streamlining the net check in process and there will be a roll call list for regulars.

Bob reminded everyone concerning appropriate repeater operation and the necessity of leaving pauses between transmissions, as well as waiting for the courtesy tone as we have a time-out issue.

Bob, AF9W, reported on the rebuilding the web site. We can put up field day videos as well. AF9W also reported on the Tour de Cure and other public service operations.

Gary, AE7GP talked about the may presentation on May 17 Via Skype with Stepper IR.

Tim, KF7SYU, talked about his upcoming solar presentation for next month.

Gary, KT7AZ, reported on repeater linking and operational suggestions. The Firmware is in the process of being updated. We now have a "anti kerchuncker feature". There is a little more latency as a result. So key the mike and wait before speaking or the first part of your transmission may not go through the network.

David, KC0LL, added that there is a difference between operating through a repeater and operating simplex and that we need to be mindful of the differences. If anyone has any questions regarding proper repeater operation, please speak to any Board Member.

Dave, N7AKC, reminded us all that as simple courtesy, we need to leave pauses for other stations to join in on the conversation.

David, AK2L discussed the possibility of a digital net on the repeater if there is enough interest in it.

Don, KD7UIZ, reported to the Club that the repeater for talk in for RST Hamfest tomorrow will be on 145.250 instead of 146.800.

We then had the Raffle drawing.

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by KC7AC and seconded by AF9W, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary