

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
December 7, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on December 7, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the Oro Valley Police Department Emergency Operations Center, 1920 E Tangerine Road, 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 -- Not Present, on Keystone rendering maintenance  
Tim Brown, KF7SYU -- Not Present, unable to attend today  
Bob Stephens, AF9W

Members:

Past Vice President Ron Walther, W7AI

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

The First Order of Business was approval of the following Minutes:

November 2, 2013 Directors Meeting; November 15, 2013 Member Meeting.

Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Reading of said Minutes were waived and the Minutes were approved, without objection. The Minutes were signed and the President directed that the Minutes be posted to the Club Website. The Club Secretary will transmit the approved minutes to Webmaster Bob Stephens, AF9W.

### Posting Minutes to web site

Past Vice President Ron Walther, W7AI, suggested that we allow for the posting of minutes prior to approval.

There was no opposition to the idea. So Moved and approved.

KC7AC suggested should the current secretary change, this idea may have to be re-visited.

### 2014 Hamfest

KF7SYU suggested to Bob that we reserve November 8 for the Hamfest date, reserve the school venue, and start publicizing early. Also we should try to see if we can get the ok for overnight parking, and perhaps hire a security guard to watch the property for overnight parkers.

Following discussion, we will need to have everyone check their calendars and also make sure the November 8 date is not in conflict with other functions. Bob will get back with Tim and ask him to research the date.

### Elections

KA7VPR asked if anyone heard from anyone wishing to run for the Board. We haven't heard from anyone. AF9W indicated he will not run, but he would still serve in capacity as Webmaster and he will still come to the Board Meetings. AF9W will send out an e-mail blast and will also update the web site. Elections will occur at the January Club Meeting.

Those seats are currently up for election held by Dave, N7AKC; Bob, AF9W; Gary, KT7AZ; Gary, AE7GP; and Howard, KC7AC.

### Holiday Party

Bob, AF9W indicates we need to close out the sign-up and RSVP for the Holiday Party on December 15 from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. Tim, KF7SYU, is going to cook the turkeys. W7AI is going to contribute the drinks. AE7GP is going to bring water left over from the Hamfest. AK2L indicates we have garbage bags, cutlery and table coverings in storage. AE7GP, AK2L, KA7VPR to check inventory of supplies and get the list to AF9W. AK2L to coordinate with the Church regarding logistics of access, clean-up, and lock-up.

### Equipment Insurance

David, AK2L -- Options and quotes discussed. David's opinion is that we should stay with American Family Insurance. Following Motion duly made, seconded and carried, resolved maintaining the policy with American Family Insurance for the annual premium of \$635.00. Liability is \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000.

### Renewal of OVARC Website Domain Hosting

AF9W researched the webhosting renewal. He believes that the best way to go is with Startlogic from Phoenix under at two year contract for \$166.00. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Motion was approved.

### Adding remote equipment to Keystone

There has been some discussion on this between KC0LL, KT7AZ, and KF7SYU regarding remote power cycling. The President outlined the discussions and options. Bob suggested that backup power be discussed instead and we should devote resources in this direction. The President proposed that if we wanted to experiment with remote power cycling, we should first experiment with the local repeater sites. AE7GP discussed backup power options that has worked form him in a commercial context. KT7AZ made the suggestion that KC0LL have the final say in equipment changes.

### Amplifier on loan to Keystone

KA7VPR loaned the PA to the Club. It needs to be repaired or replaced. Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, resolved that we get an estimate and either repair or replace Bob's power amplifier.

### Recognition on Web Site

It was suggested we recognize members who are not on the Board who continue to make substantial contributions to the Club. Upon Motion duly made, seconded and carried, so resolved without objections.

### Photographs of Board Members on Web Site

It was suggested that we have photographs of the Board on the web site beginning with the 2014 Board. So moved and approved. If anyone wants to opt out for a substantive reason of having their photo on the web site, that will be ok.

### Scheduling of Board Meeting

Discussion was held regarding scheduling. Right now it's scheduled on the same day as the VE Session. We try to limit the Board meeting to one hour. In order to accommodate the VE Session, we will change the start time of the monthly VE Session from 10:00 to 10:30 following the Board Meeting. Resolved and carried without objections.

### Net

The Net Manager is now Lanny, KF7LV. We need to have a way to get announcements to Lanny. AF9W will post announcements to the website, which can be read on the Net.

### D-Star

KT7AZ reported that K7JWB indicated an interest in donating a 440 D-Star module. We would need another \$1,500.00 for a controller that we would have to come up with. Per AE7GP, a total UHF/VHF stack would be about \$5,000.00.

AK2L expressed the point that we need to make sure our infrastructure is fully in place, including backup power, before taking on another project.

We are going to have a D-Star presentation at the January Club Meeting by K7ADX. KA7VPR suggested we wait to discuss D-Star with the Membership and for potential donations at that time.

There being no further business for the Board, upon by Motion duly made, seconded, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Approved:

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Bob Molczan, KA7VPR  
President

Attest:

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Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC  
Secretary