

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

Minutes of Members Meeting
December 20, 2013

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on December 20, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. 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 -- Not present
Bob Stephens, AF9W

39 Members present per the Roster;

4 Visitors or persons who did not sign the Roster; with a total of 43 persons present.

The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR

New Members were introduced.

The Board and Officers were introduced.

AK2L talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

Presentation:

Ham Radio 60 Years Ago- Presented by Jim Brown, W5ZIT

What was ham radio like 60 years ago when W5ZIT got his novice license and started hamming it up? Jim will talk about the radios, the modes, and operating from the early 1950's.

About Jim:

Jim was licensed in 1953 as a Novice while in high school, and this led to a degree in Electrical Engineering and a career in radio communications. Present retirement activities include operating the sound card digital modes on HF and VHF, and occasional CW operation using various restored antique Vibroplex keys. Jim is normally a wintertime visitor to the area and lives full time in an RV. A normal summer has Jim in Ruidoso NM in the mountains where he builds/maintains the club repeaters and volunteers with the ARES/RACES group in Lincoln County.

Business section of meeting

8:10 P.M.

Upon Motion by K7ADX, and seconded by KF7UYA, the reading minutes of the previous Members Meeting were waived and approved without objection.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

Vice President, AE7GP -- Gary spoke about the Hamfest and the Raffle for the 2M Yaesu FT-1900 this evening.

Treasurer AK2L - \$4,629 in the bank. Membership dues are due for 2014. Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Secretary KC7AC - Report on Raffle Sales; Minutes of Meetings.

KT7AZ - Gary talked about the importance of leaving pauses on the repeater so we don't time out the network.

President KA7VPR -- Following KT7AZ's comments, Bob talked about the importance of leaving pauses on the repeater. Bob talked about the new monthly meeting location at the Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W. Magee Road.

KC0LL - David talked about the need for pausing on the repeater to allow someone to jump in. Also, it's important to announce your call when keying up. Don't just kerchunk the repeater. The Golder Ranch repeater is almost ready for installation.

AF9W- Bob talked about the website. Bob is the Club's Webmaster.

N7AKC - Dave thanked everyone who attended and helped out at the Holiday Party.

KA7VPR announced that next month's presentation at our new location will be on D-Star by Scott, K7ADX. It's an introductory program and there will be a live demonstration.

Bob talked about starting early on planning for the next Hamfest. We will be at the same location. November 8, tentatively. We will enter into discussions Marana Middle School to allow overnight parking for vendors.

Bob talked about the function of the Board and talked about folks who aren't on the Board who also contribute a great deal of time and effort. They should be recognized:

W1SR, Steve -- Presentation Coordinator (Program Manager)
KF7LV, Lanny -- Net Manager for the Sunday evening net.
W8TK, Tom -- Field Day and Contest Chairman

The website will be updated to reflect this information.

Bob reported that Gary, KT7AZ, is spearheading an effort to have the Club insure our equipment. AK2L has obtained an insurance policy.

Nomination for elections.

We have five Board positions up for election at the January Meeting. Those seats currently held by N7AKC, KC7AC, KT7AZ, AE7GP, and AF9W are up for election for a two year term.

A finalized list of nominees will be sent via e-mail.

The following persons received nominations at this evenings Meeting:

Nomination by Bob, KA7VPR; Nominated Ron, W7AI
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Nomination by Dave, N7AKC; Nominated Dave, N7AKC
Nomination by Gary, KT7AZ; Nominated Gary, KT7AZ
Nomination by Gary, AE7GP; Nominated Gary, AE7GP
Nomination by Bob, AF9W; Nominated Howard, KC7AC
Nomination by Bob, KA7VPR; Nominated Scott, K7ADX

Bob discussed the election procedure. Following the election, the Board will convene and elect Officers. Five of the above will serve with Board Members David Beauchesne, AK2L; David Branson, KC0LL; Tim Brown, KF7SYU; and Bob Molczan, KA7VPR. These Board Members have an additional one-year term and their seats will be up for election in January, 2015.

Old Business

Bob talked about the Holiday Party. Everyone who participated agreed the event was great.

Art Blank, WA7NB, talked about the DXPedition (XR0ZR Juan Fernandez Island) he was recently on. Art thanked the Club for donating for his participation in the DXPedition. Art will have a video which we can play at an upcoming Club Meeting.

New Business

Email and flyer from the President of RST about a Technician Class license class. Information is available at the Club Web Site. www.tucsonhamradio.com

Raffle Drawing.

N5AGE, Army, won the grand prize this evening. Congratulations!

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by Bob, AF9W and seconded by Saul, N7CRS, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary