

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
January 4, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on January 4, 2014 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 -- Not Present
David Branson, KC0LL
Tim Brown, KF7SYU
Bob Stephens, AF9W

Members:

Scott, K7ADX
Jim, WA1KFI
J.W., KG7FJA

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

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

December 7, 2013 Board Meeting;

December 20, 2013 Members Meeting (subject to Final Approval at next Members Meeting).

Upon Motion duly made by AF9W, seconded by N7AKC, 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.

Board Election – The Annual Meeting will take place on January 17, 2014 at the Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W. Magee Road. Discussions concerning the final ballot, election procedure, discussion of possibility of adding one additional board member.

KC7AC has submitted a Sample Ballot to the President and Board for consideration. There are five positions to be filled. The following persons have been nominated to serve on the Board for a two year term:

Howard Chorost, KC7AC; Scott Boone, K7ADX; Ron Walther, W7AI; Dave Coccio, N7AKC; Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ; Gary Pierce, AE7GP; Ron Herring, W7HD.

Five of the above will serve on a two year term with current Board Members David Beauchesne, AK2L; David Branson, KC0LL; Tim Brown, KF7SYU; and Bob Molczan, KA7VPR, whose terms will expire next year.

The question of adding an additional Board position was tabled.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the elected Board will meet to chose officer positions.

Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was resolved approving the form of Ballot submitted by the Secretary.

Hamfest 2014 – Looking a potential date of November 8, 2014. The date should not conflict with other events that may lower attendance. Present our idea of having on-site security at Marana Middle School in exchange for allowing overnight parking.

AF9W did some research concerning a conflict date with November 8. He didn't see any major conflicts. Confirmed by KF7SYU. AK2L indicated the Midwest convention was on the 8th and we lost several commercial vendors. AK2L suggested November 1 as an alternate date.

Upon Motion duly made by KF7SYU, seconded by N7AKC, and carried, resolved we will look to November 1 as a potential date. AE7GP will check with ARCA for clearance for the date.

AK2L will present our idea of having on-site security at Marana Middle School in exchange for allowing overnight parking, as well as a potential date of November 1.

VE Sessions – We need a schedule of VE's to man each monthly session instead of hoping that enough show up. Suggest creating a rotating schedule of available VE's to be maintained by WA1KFI. This includes scheduling one person with EOC access.

AK2L will send out an e-mail to the Membership and AF9W will post to the web site the procedures for becoming a volunteer examiner.

Upon Motion duly made by AE7GP, and seconded by AF9W, and carried, RESOLVED that WA1KFI will create a rotating schedule which will include at least one person with EOC access.

New Meeting Place for Monthly Membership Meeting and 2013 Holiday Party – Confirm that we are good to go for January meeting. We need to get into Church ahead of the first meeting to review and test PA system, and internet connection operation. Scott, K7ADX will be presenting and needs to test before meeting.

AK2L will make contact with the Church to obtain access codes and arrange a meeting time for Scott to test the PA system and WiFi.

AF9W recommended that we try to schedule Grace Hall again for the next Holiday Party in December. We should try to schedule around a conflict date with the Southern Arizona DX Association. The Southern Arizona DX Association doesn't have a date selected yet.

KC0LL recommended polling the Membership regarding a date for the party.

KA7VPR: We will poll the Membership at the Monthly Meeting and then make a decision shortly thereafter so we have an early shot at the Church's calendar to reserve the Hall. AK2K will check with the Church regarding their Calendar.

Club Web Site – Are we cleared up on the problem with the domain renewal? Any other maintenance issues or requirements.

AF9W reported that the Club doesn't have ownership of the "tucsonhamradio.com" domain. Bob pointed out that the Club will own the domain "tucsonhamradio.org" (currently reserved by AK2L). It was suggested we change over to the ".org" site.

Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, RESOLVED we will transition over to the "tucsonhamradio.org" web site without delay.

Furthermore, upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, RESOLVED that AF9W will submit to the Secretary for safekeeping, who will then forward to the President all passwords for access.

DSTAR – Has John (K7JWB) been informed of the discussion from last board meeting to see if membership interest is generated as a result of our January meeting presentation? If we move forward on DSTAR how to raise the additional funds. Where to install?

Scott, K7ADX, will be giving a DStar Presentation at the Meeting this month. We can gage the Membership at that time. KT7AZ recommended waiting until after the Club Meeting to talk to John. KC7AC indicated reservations about proceeding with any expenditures or to even consider DStar until after the Club owns or has executed leases/agreements all the present infrastructure.

KA7VPR will present an official inventory at the next meeting of Club infrastructure.

KA7VPR suggested we reach out to RST to offer volunteer and potentially a nominal amount of financial assistance to RST to move forward with their DStar project at Sahuarita High School.

Upon Motion by AE7GP and seconded by AF9W, and carried, RESOLVED that the Board accepted Bob's recommendation. Bob will call the President of RST to explore potential options.

By-Law Amendments

We will put together a Committee for proposed amendments to the By-Laws. The Board Members will review the current By-Laws and make recommendations to submit to the Membership for approval of amended by-laws.

Equipment Insurance – Per AK2L, American Family Insurance hasn't gotten back with him regarding a policy. David will follow-up.

Addition to Monthly Program – "Handyman or DIY" segment to be added to monthly meeting agenda to add content and spark interest. W1SR and W8TK suggested the addition of this segment. The segment will take place immediately before the scheduled monthly presentation. Moved, Seconded, and Approved without objections.

Laurel Testing – Do we want to move forward with investigation of changing to this system? We need to schedule a presentation by Dianne Zimmerman. KF7SYU will make contact with Dianne Zimmerman to come in and give us a 15 minute talk at the February 1, 2014 Board Meeting.

AF9W suggested we let the A.R.R.L. Section Manager know about the presentation by Laurel VEC and give the A.R.R.L. the opportunity to show up and give us a presentation. Bob will make contact with the Section Manager.

WA1KFI will be at the February 1, 2014 Board Meeting for the presentation.

License Seminar – Set a date for the next OVARC Technician class so that promotion may begin. Solicit instructors.

Per AK2L, AE7CI volunteered to teach. David pointed out that RST currently has a class schedule in place, and it seems duplicative to schedule additional classes while RST classes are scheduled. We would also need KT7AZ to let us know when we can use the EOC.

Matter tabled. We may visit this issue at the next Board Meeting.

Keystone – Back-up Power proposal and engineering plan. KC0LL presented good ideas for the Board via e-mail in late December. KC0LL and KT7AZ to confer and come up with a plan to present to the Board on what it will cost. AE7GP and KF7SYU have some ideas regarding solar power.

There being no further business for the Board, upon by Motion duly made by KF7SYU, seconded by AE7GP, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

A Volunteer Examiner Session immediately followed.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary