

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

Minutes of Members Meeting  
February 21, 2014

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on February 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W. Magee Road, Oro Valley, Arizona.

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

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR -- President  
Ron Herring, W7HD -- Vice President  
David Beauchesne, AK2L -- Treasurer  
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary  
Tim Brown, KF7SYU  
Scott Boone, K7ADX  
Dave Coccio, N7AKC

Not Present:

Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ  
David Branson, KC0LL

36 Members present per the Roster, 5 Visitors or persons who did not sign the Roster; with a total of 41 persons present.

The Secretary reports we had six membership renewals this evening, and one new membership.

7:00 - Meeting Call to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR

- Welcome, Opening Statements, Visitor & New Member Introductions
- Membership Dues Reminder – Pay tonight!
- Raffle Prize Summary – AK2L
- Introduction of the evening's presentation – Ham Radio Deluxe by Tim Browning KB3NPH

7:15 - Begin Presentation via "Team Viewer":

## About Tim Browning

If you've ever contacted Ham Radio Deluxe, chances are you've come in contact with Tim. As part of the HRD team, Tim is the technical connection to the HRD user community. You'll find many great comments about Tim's excellent support and customer service to Ham Radio Deluxe users in the [eHAM.com](http://eHAM.com) Product Reviews for Ham Radio Deluxe.

Once known as "Smokestack" to his CB buddies during his many years as an over-the-road truck driver, he became KB3NPH in May of 2006, after years of badgering from his brother-in-law, Erick (N8XEN) who recently became a Silent Key after losing his battle with cancer. For more information about Tim and his ham radio activities, visit his website at [www.kb3nph.com](http://www.kb3nph.com)

Tim's interest in Ham Radio Deluxe began in late 2006, or early 2007 when he was looking for a logging program. In 2012 he became active with the current owners of HRD Software LLC as a beta tester and went on helping others with the software on the HRD Support Forums, and in February of 2013 he was asked to join the HRD team's Technical Support Staff.

Today, when you call HRD by phone, send an e-mail or open a support ticket, chances are you are going to receive an answer from Tim, known now as "Kilo Bravo 3 <N>o <P>roblem <H>ere.

The HRD support hours are 10am to 4pm, Mon – Fri., EST, however, for our friends and customers unable to contact us during those hours, Tim is always willing to set up an appointment to work after hours or on weekends. To set up an appointment for after-hours support, just send an e-mail to [kb3nph@hrdsoftwarellc.com](mailto:kb3nph@hrdsoftwarellc.com). Tim is willing to "Elmer" new hams or old timers in the setup and operation of the Ham Radio Deluxe software or just about any other phase of ham radio.

**Tim offered Club Members a 10% discount, until March 1, 2014, for purchase of the HRD Software. Discount Code: OVARC1**

8:00 - Ham Handyman – Tom W8TK

This month Tom demonstrated how to install Anderson PowerPole Connectors.

8:10 – 10 Minute Break – Reminder about Raffle Tickets

8:20 – Resume Meeting

- BUSINESS PORTION

Upon Motion Duly Made, Seconded and Carried, RESOLVED waiving reading of January Minutes. Said Minutes were approved without objection.

Minutes are posted on the website. [www.tucsonhamradio.org](http://www.tucsonhamradio.org)

OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

W7HD, Vice President, reported that his son passed the Technician test.

Ron recently circulated a Club Newsletter.

AK2L, Treasurer \$3,400 on hand. We purchased upgrades to repeater controllers.

KC7AC, Secretary, reported that we are selling raffle tickets in the back of the room; and reminded Members regarding the posting of the Minutes online on the Club Website.

K7ADX reported that the Pima County Sheriff Dept and the Pima County Office of Emergency Management is coordinating the Mount Lemmon Marathon and bike ride. Sunday April 27. 5:00 A.M. to early evening. We need folks to sign up. AF9W reported the event is posted on the Club Website.

PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT:

Webmaster, AF9W – 24 HOP Report. We had a lot of OVARC Members participating in the bicycle event. The event is always on the first full weekend after Valentines day. There were three ambulances and two helicopters involved with assistance called in by Ham Radio. AL7KE talked about the utility of the cross band repeat radios.

KA7VPR reported that 24 HOP Event Coordinator Owen, AK7AR said he appreciated OVARC participation in the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. OVARC Hamfest 2014 – Confirm Date – November 8, 2014
2. RST Hamfest – OVARC will have a table and needs volunteers to help attend- 3/29/14
3. Astron RS-35 or equivalent needed. Sell or donate

4. Repeater Infrastructure update – DC Power and BB, CAT Controllers
5. 444.100 Repeater change to OVPD HQ - Solicit coverage change from membership
6. DSTAR Special Interest Group – Proposal to membership
7. Poll Membership about future TECH License Seminar
8. Sunday NET – Looking for new NCS operators – Contact Lanny  
[KF7LV@comcast.net](mailto:KF7LV@comcast.net)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board is working on revisions to the By-Laws. We will present the proposed revisions at the next Members Meeting for consideration. The Secretary indicated that the vote for the revised By-Laws will take place the following month.

2. VE Volunteer Rotation schedule – Contact Jim, WA1KFI. W8TK and KF7LV just received VE Credentials.

8:55 – Raffle Drawing

9:00 - Adjourn

There being no further business for the Membership, 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