

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on April 5, 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
David Beauchesne, AK2L -- Treasurer
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ
David Branson, KC0LL
Tim Brown, KF7SYU
Scott Boone, K7ADX

Members Present:

Bob, AF9W — Webmaster
Ron, W7AI
WA1KFI, Jim — VE Testing Coordinator
Quinton, NU7Y

Visitors:

Vaughan, KE7OLI
Several people taking the Licensing exams.

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

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

March 1, 2014 Directors Meeting;

March 21, 2014 Members 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.

Procedural Issue

“Conflict of Interest” procedural issue - AK2L

Scott, K7ADX, acknowledged receipt of and agrees to abide by the Conflict of Interest Policy and that said acknowledgment and receipt would be entered into the Minutes of the Board Meeting today.

Repeater Upgrades

Decision to purchase two CL-100, two CH-100; an extra CAT 300; IP Addressable power control (approx. \$300.00); Various parts for all repeaters including extra parts. Motion to purchase moved and approved without objections.

Status of parts list for mod boards and volunteer builder - KC0LL. David already sent, but will re-send a comprehensive list of parts needed to complete the upgrades. Volunteers assisting David seem to have fallen through for various reasons, so David will build the cables on his own. KA7VPR will assist in some capacity.

Status of Astron Power Supplies - Tested? - KT7AZ. We purchased all that we need. Most have been tested.

Golder Ranch Repeater

Lease or Buy from KC0LL? The TKR at Golder Ranch and the TKR at McGee belongs to KC0LL. Market price is \$300.00. Motion to purchase the one repeater at Golder for the sum of \$300.00 from KC0LL approved without objection, KC0LL abstaining from the vote.

Golder Ranch Repeater - Morning Interference / Noise issue. Discussion.

Monthly Meeting Host Rotation

KA7VPR will establish a rotation schedule for the monthly meetings including agenda preparation.

Sunday NET

Ideas for getting weekly announcements to NCS Manager. The idea was floated for Board Members to check in with traffic to make announcements of general interest to Club Members. Other ideas were floated to make the net more conversational, where each operator checking in would be called and asked to make comments.

Hamfest 2014

Confirmation of attendees at the next meeting with the school. Where do we stand with overnight parking? We are still waiting to confirm.

Steve, W1SR, has been talking with vendors to participate in the event.

Vendor Fees: Last year \$10.00 per vehicle no matter how many folks in the vehicle. Proposal to charge \$10.00 per space (per vehicle) includes one person; and \$5.00 per additional person. Student ID K-12 Free. Kids 12 and under free. Moved and approved without objections.

DSTAR Special Interest Group

There are seven or eight people who have expressed an interest. Scott (K7ADX) is going to engineer something to modify a TKR.

The President announced we have enough people involved to move ahead with the Special Interest D-Star Group.

ARRL Special Interest Club

AF9W presented regarding the ARRL Special Interest Club designation. We already do virtually everything necessary to obtain this designation. Bob will fill out the Application so we can become a Special Interest Club. Moved and approved without objections.

Bylaw Revisions — Issue from KF0X

KA7VPR and AK2L received an e-mail approximately two weeks ago from OVARC Founder Randy, KF0X. This was the first time this information was shared with the Board. Randy has reservations about the possibility of the Club changing the call sign from W0HF. David and Bob met with Randy last week after the Technician Class. Randy made a passionate request to keep the club call sign as it is. He is so concerned about the issue that he may attend the April general meeting and make a plea to the general membership to vote down the changes to the bylaws. He was reminded that changes to the bylaws were a separate issue from actually changing the call sign. Given his strong feelings on the subject, he was assured that further consideration would be given to his concerns before any call sign changes were made. The discussion also included the possibility of acquiring an additional call sign from the 7 area that would be used for contest activities. Bob asked for comments regarding possibly giving Randy assurances, in writing, that we wouldn't change the Club call sign.

There are no current plans to seek a change in the Club call sign, although at two general meetings the President took an informal poll of the members present, who overwhelmingly seemed to support a change to a "7" area call sign.

Since we had a number of visitors in the room who were about to take licensing exams, the Secretary recommended that we table further discussions regarding Randy's e-mail and his meeting with Bob and David and take those discussions up in Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting.

Comments were made by Tim, KF7SYU, which were interrupted by the Secretary under Point of Order, again recommending that we move to Executive Session.

Further discussions took place in Executive Session.

(NOTE FROM SECRETARY: Following Executive Session, it was decided rejecting the idea of written assurances and that a vote on the revised Bylaws would take place as scheduled.)

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

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary