

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
May 3, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on May 3, 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  
Dave Coccio, N7AKC  
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ  
Tim Brown, KF7SYU  
Scott Boone, K7ADX

Also in attendance:

OVARC ARCA Rep: Gary Pierce, AE7GP

Towards the end of the Meeting, Net Manager Lanny, KF7LV

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

The Secretary was asked to read a portion of last months Board Minutes.

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

April 5, 2014 Directors Meeting; April 18, 2014 Members Meeting.

Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Reading of said Minutes were waived (with the exception of the above) 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.

Treasurer's Report

AK2L: The Club has \$2,377.00 in its accounts; We have 130 paid members.

## Field Day Planning

KT7AZ constructed a tilt over push up base and pole for “quick” beam assembly and set up. (Secretary Note: Following the Board Meeting, the system was tested and worked according to specifications).

## Repeater System

All purchased equipment is now in-house; We are waiting on mods until we resolve Golder Ranch issues.

## Golder Ranch

KC0LL was not able to attend the Board Meeting today. There is a noise issue on Golder and possible intermod that needs to be resolved. We had some discussions concerning access to the Golder site. KT7AZ suggested we pull the repeater out and get it to KC0LL to work on. N7AKC suggested that we look at options for another location that is more accessible for maintenance for the Club. KA7VPR suggested we try to get on site to have it looked at before pulling it. Gary will make arrangements for access. AE7GP said the problem could be something as simple as unshielded cables for other equipment on site.

## Magee Antenna

We need to replace the antenna at Magee. We already have the antenna and just need to install it. Plans were discussed to replace the antenna in the next few weeks before it starts getting hot outside.

## D-Star/Digital Special Interest Group (SIG)

Scott and Tim. K7ADX said he has some time off from work coming and will have a chance to work on things. KF7SYU has a TKR that can be used. KA7VPR will work on coordinating a frequency.

KT7AZ brought up that Icom is having a promotion (which now includes the software) and that one of the Club Members was considering making a donation to the Club for purchase of a major piece of DStar equipment. All the Club/SIG would have to come up with is about \$1,000.00 to make this work. KT7AZ suggested the use of DStar equipment from Icom given the lower cost. KT7AZ suggested Magee as the site. KT7AZ has an antenna that can be used for DStar already in place at Magee.

KA7VPR will send an announcement to the SIG and try to get the remaining funding to make it happen.

Motion by AK2L: If we can get the SIG to come up with 2/3 of the remaining cost, that the Club Treasury come up with the balance and accessories, if needed, to purchase the DStar equipment from Icom. This would amount to approximately \$300 in Club funds. The Motion was Seconded by KF7SYU. The Motion carried and was approved.

AE7GP volunteered that he has no objection to using his antenna and feed line on Keystone for DStar and would work to make that happen if the Club wanted to move DStar to Keystone at some point in time. Gary (GP) noted that DStar has significantly lowered the price of the radio so it's no longer an obstacle to folks wanting to get into DStar at this time. For example, the IC-80AD is now on sale for \$329.95 direct from Icom.

#### Rotation of Hosting for Club Meetings

KC7AC will run the May Meeting. KA7VPR will act as Treasurer since AK2L will be at Dayton. Lanny, KF7LV, will sell raffle tickets in place of KC7AC. W1SR has a presenter for us who will come in by phone and power point presentation.

#### Demonstration of IP Switch by KT7AZ

KT7AZ showed us a demonstration of the remote IP switch. The switch will allow us to reset the repeaters remotely and securely via the internet.

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

An ARRL VE Testing session immediately followed the Meeting.

Approved:

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Bob Molczan, KA7VPR  
President

Attest:

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Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC  
Secretary