

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
June 7, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on June 7, 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  
Ron Herring, W7HD -- Vice President  
David Beauchesne, AK2L -- Treasurer  
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary  
Dave Coccio, N7AKC  
David Branson, KC0LL  
Tim Brown, KF7SYU  
Scott Boone, K7ADX

Members Present:

Gary Pierce, AE7GP—ARCA Rep.  
Tom Kravec, W8TK—Field Day Coordinator

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

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

May 3, 2014 Directors Meeting; May 16, 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.

1. Field Day -- Operating positions and or logistical positions need to be filled?  
Status?

Report by Tom, W8TK.

Tom brought the signup sheets down. We need to fill some positions. Board Members are encouraged to sign up since many positions are unfilled. Most of the Board Members didn't fill up slots yet because we were waiting for the Membership to have the opportunity to sign up first. At this point, the Board Members will be signing up for slots. Tom indicated that we also need GOTA coaches.

Dave, N7AKC, reported 43 Dinner tickets sold.

N7AKC and AK2L will go shopping next week for steaks and supplies.

2. Analog repeater project -- Timing? Has anyone stepped up to the plate to assist KC0LL?

The Golder Ranch Repeater on 440.400 is working well. KA7VPR and W7HD have offered to help David (KC0LL) complete the project. KC0LL reported some changes made at Keystone already. 62 is now running off a 12V supply and the remote IP Switch has been installed.

Treasurer AK2L reported that the Club has reimbursed KC0LL for all parts.

Now that the weather is getting hotter, there will be more time for indoor activities allowing for more time to devote to completion of the analog upgrade project.

3. Proposed and contemplated "Anti-Amateur Radio" Legislation in Arizona (whether or not such legislation is particularly aimed at Amateur Radio, or will have a collateral affect on Amateur Radio).

It does not appear that the ARRL or the Section Manager are proactive regarding informing the Ham Radio community regarding legislation proposed in Arizona which may affect Amateur Radio.

W7HD will be writing a Linux program so that we can get real time alerts of proposed legislation potentially affecting Amateur Radio. The President will bring this topic up at the next general session to try to recruit folks to help us watch legislative issues. The Secretary indicated that Webmaster Bob, AF9W, is also monitoring legislation and that he will be speaking to certain legislative representatives.

4. Our next Board Meeting for July falls on the July 4th weekend. Do we want to move the meeting or cancel it? By unanimous consent, In lieu of the July Board meeting, we will get together a few minutes after the General Meeting July 18 for a short Board Meeting. Accordingly the scheduled Board Meeting for July 5 has been cancelled.

5. VE Sessions/Club Meetings/Non-Members -- The Board met in Executive Session to discuss an issue regarding a certain Ham who is not a Club Member. This particular Ham frequents Club Meetings and shows up at VE Sessions. Of particular note was certain continuing disruptive and embarrassing conduct by said individual which may tend to reflect poorly on the reputation of the Club. Following discussions, it was decided that KA7VPR, AK2L, and KF7SYU would speak to this individual and let him know he is not welcome to participate in Club activities.

6. Inter-Club Activities -- How are things going with RST and the Sahuarita D-Star project? Has OVARC received adequate cooperation and support for its volunteer efforts in assisting RST?

There has been some recent progress, but things are going slow. After many months of discussions, the project still hasn't been completed. However, the Board believes that Bob (KA7VPR) and Scott (K7ADX) have gone above and beyond in their attempts to be of assistance to RST. The bottom line is that RST needs to take stock of its own resources and membership, and make their project happen if that's what they want to do.

7. D-Star Project -- Outside of the SIG, should the Club allocate funds from the General Fund in addition to the cap of \$300.00 approved at the last Board Meeting? We received \$2,600.00 in contributions from the SIG. There is approximately \$850.00 in unspent contributions, but there may be additional expenses to get the UHF repeater on the air. At this time, we have the hardware and software. We are waiting on ARCA for a coordinated frequency pair.

There was discussions about also purchasing a VHF repeater to add to the stack. It doesn't appear feasible at this time given the site location. The topic of a VHF repeater for D-Star was tabled.

8. D-STAR Gossip -- It has come to the President's attention that some unnamed club members are under the misconception that OVARC club funds are fully supporting the D-Star SIG. There is no truth to the allegation that Club funds have been expended. All funding has come from the SIG. The President will address this issue with the Membership at the next meeting, so that there are no misunderstandings.

9. D-STAR Repeater Call Sign -- Issue regarding a separate "7 area" club call sign, specifically for the new D-STAR repeater. Discussion of forming a "D-Star club within OVARC to be absorbed by OVARC" solely for the purpose of obtaining an additional club call sign. Following discussion, the matter was tabled.

10. Secretary KC7AC reported that at today's breakfast at the Village Inn, he was approached by the Restaurant Manager asking for OVARC to place a plaque on the wall of the restaurant, similar to what Rotary has up there. At the Restaurant, Steve, W1SR, indicated that if a design were produced, he knew someone who could make the plaque. The President requested that the Secretary contact Webmaster AF9W and ask him to come up with a design.

11. We have a missing crimping tool. The tool was on loan to the Club from Tom (W8TK). Tom loaned it to Randy when Randy was President and it has not been returned. Gary Pierce, AE7GP, volunteered to donate a crimp tool to the Club so we can return it to Tom as a replacement. The Treasurer will issue Gary a donation receipt.

There being no further business for the Board, upon by Motion duly made, seconded, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Followed a VE Testing Session where one person received a new Technician Class License and another upgraded from General to Extra Class.

Approved:

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Bob Molczan, KA7VPR  
President

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Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC  
Secretary