

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

Minutes of Members Meeting  
July 18, 2014

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on July 18, 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  
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary  
Dave Coccio, N7AKC  
Tim Brown, KF7SYU  
Scott Boone, K7ADX

We had 27 Members present, with one visitor.

The Meeting was called to Order by Secretary Howard Chorost, KC7AC

New members were introduced. We have three new members join today.

The Board and Officers were introduced.

President KA7VPR talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

Presentation: Radiosport – Like No Other, Presented via Skype by Rob Brownstein, K6RB

Rob has been an active amateur for over 56 years, now, having gotten his first license in June 1958. In those days, cycle 19 was just beginning to peak and all the youngsters operating their crystal-controlled CW transmitters on the 15 meter novice band could work long distances with wires hanging out of second-floor windows. They all thought “this is how it’s always going to be.” Then, by 1963, they found out otherwise.

For his first 23 years of ham radio, Rob had low-power HF stations and wire antennas. Yet, his operation included such radiosport events as ARRL’s Sweepstakes CW and Novice Roundup. But, mostly, Rob enjoyed working DX and engaging in ragchews, nearly all on CW.

In 1973, while operating as K2UMU/4X, Rob took part in Israel’s first Holy Land contest, celebrating its first 25 years. And, the radiosport ‘bug’ hit home. Even after returning to the US and continuing to operate with low-power and wires, Rob’s radiosport operations

widened to include state QSO parties, and DX contests. Finally, by 1981, Rob got his first amplifier and tri-band yagi. It opened a whole new vista with regard to radiosport. Suddenly, Rob could hold a frequency and 'run' stations instead of perpetually searching and pouncing. In short order, Rob made up for lost time and got his WAC, WAS, and DXCC achievement awards. From that point until the present, contesting and ragchewing are Rob's favorite on-air pursuits.

Rob joined the Northern California Contest Club back in 1997 and became a team player in the club's team endeavors. Over the last 17 years, Rob has honed his radiosport skills to world class levels. In 2010, Rob and 14 others founded a new club – the CW Operators club (CWops) – and Rob began helping hams, old and new, to attain and improve their CW skills. The club inaugurated its CW Academy in May 2011. As part of its training program, CW students improve their callsign and number copying skills by participating in the weekly CWT on-air events sponsored by CWops. From his own personal experience, Rob believes that hams can markedly improve their operating skills by participating in radiosport.

A ten minute break followed the presentation.

Tom Kravec, W8TK, gave us an update regarding how the Club did at Field Day, and then launched into Handyman Corner Topic— “Building a Simple Dipole Antenna”.

Business section of meeting.

The First Order of Business was approval of the June 20, 2014 Minutes.

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.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$2,735.00 in the bank.

- Officers Reports – President, VP, Secretary; The President Reported on the status of the Repeaters, including the new DStar Repeater; W7HD worked the projector for the presentation this evening; KC7AC reported that minutes are available on the web site at [tucsonhamradio.org](http://tucsonhamradio.org) and gave a shout out to Webmaster Bob, AF9W. The Secretary reported that the entire DStar project has been funded by donations and by the SIG and that no funds from the General Fund have been used for the DStar Project.
- Board Member Reports - N7AKC reported on the Field Day dinner, which was a success, and invited everyone back next year; K7ADX sold raffle tickets this evening.

• NEW BUSINESS –

1. Since the July Board Meeting was not held due to the Independence Day holiday, there is no new business to report at this time.
2. OVARC NET Manager Lanny KF7LV is still looking for club members interested in serving as Net Control Operators for the Sunday Night NET. Please get in touch with Lanny if you would like to try out for a NCS position.
3. The Secretary reported that David, AK2L would like to hear from members regarding suggestions for new and exciting raffle prizes for the monthly meeting drawings. Please contact him or any board member with your ideas to help keep the monthly raffle interesting.
4. Reminder about the B.A.R.T. Hamfest on July 19th at the Golden Corral on 22nd St. This is the first Hamfest for this organization so please try to make it there and support one of our area clubs. Bruce, WA1BZQ, spoke about the upcoming Hamfest.

• OLD BUSINESS – None

- Member Business – Open the floor to present members and ask for any announcements or other items – N7AZT took a lot of pictures at Field Day. Webmaster Bob will be posting the pictures to the web site as soon as possible. The Secretary announced the weekly breakfast at the Village Inn on Oracle each Saturday morning at 7:30 A.M.

Raffle Drawing.

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by KA7VPR and seconded by W7HD, 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