

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
August 2, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on August 2, 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  
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ  
Tim Brown, KF7SYU  
Scott Boone, K7ADX

The following Members were present:

Randy Malick, KF0X — OVARC Founder — First Vice Chairman ARCA  
Gary Pierce, AE7GP — OVARC ARCA Representative  
Steve Wood, W1SR — Programs Manager  
Walt Brophy, AL7KE  
Lanny Voight, KF7LV — Net Manager  
Jim Garrity, W7JRG (formerly WA1KFI) — Licensing Manager

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

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

1. May 3, 2014 Directors Meeting; 2. June 7, 2014 Directors Meeting; 3. July 18, 2014 Member 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.

## ARCA Re-Coordination

Frequency Pair for Magee (145.19) and for Golder Ranch (440.400) will need to be changed under ARCA coordination since the pairs are designated for “backyard” use and linking frowned upon.

146.16/146.76 will tentatively be the new frequency pair for Magee with an approval for 50W max out of the transmitter.

A new frequency pair for the Golder Ranch site will be selected and approval for same will be requested from ARCA.

N7AKC made a motion to repurpose the two meter “stand by” repeater donated by AK2L to 146.76 so we can make an efficient and quick swap once the coordination is approved. Motion seconded by W7HD. Approved without objections.

## DStar

W7HD reports the Linux Box is 100%. Problem appears to be between the controller and repeater.

K77AZ reports that they had to change the Linux Box from 64 bit to 32 bit. Gary thinks we may be having a hardware issue.

K7ADX reports there is an issue somewhere between the controller and the repeater.

KA7VPR asked K7ADX to contact Matt Grossman for assistance.

AK2L has a contact from Dayton who may be able to assist. This is the gentleman that Randy interviewed on the video from Dayton.

## OVARC Assistance to RST regarding DStar

OVARC’s assistance to RST has been completed. The RST VHF DStar repeater at Sahuarita High School is running, but without internet connectivity. RST will need to work on internet connectivity on their own.

## “Second” D-Star Project

KA7VPR reported that K7ADX and KF7SYU are still working on converting a TKR into a DStar repeater. This project is still in play.

### Analog Repeater Status

Keystone is now converted to 12V. There were issues with the IP switch at Keystone. Those issues have been resolved.

KA7VPR reported that KC0LL is going to be working on the remaining repeater modifications on his own.

### Alternate Control Operators

KA7VPR recommended that we establish a firm base of alternate control operators. Bob recommended within the next two months we get together documentation and then designate alternate control operators. There must also be training in regard to this process.

### Monthly Club Meetings

We need more help for setup. Bob will bring this up at the next Club meeting and solicit assistance from the Membership.

### Address by Randy, KF0X — The 2015 ARRL Southwest Convention

Randy talked about his new role at ARCA. Randy is now the First Vice Chairman, and his main responsibility is the Williams Hamfest. The 2015 Southwest Convention is being held in Arizona. Randy recommended that OVARC host the Convention. We would do this in lieu of the 2015 OVARC Hamfest. We would need to make a decision on this by October 11, 2014. KF0X and W1SR will get together, explore the options, and get back with the Board.

### Raffle Prizes

AK2L reported we have only had two or three suggestions from the Membership over the past year. We need to come up with something new and different to generate more raffle sales. We will investigate our options. An idea was floated for “special raffle tickets” for higher price items and for potential internet sales of raffle tickets. AE7GP had ideas for donations.

### Hamfest

We are still working on finalizing authorization and issues for overnight parking, but we appear to be close.

W1SR — 42 Vendors have been contacted. Three are a definite. Others waiting on commitment for overnight parking; vendors have committed to door prizes.

AK2L — Room assignments need to be made.

AE7GP — Gary will inquire whether ARCA has committed to participate in the Hamfest, and whether or not they would need a meeting room. Gary also indicated that HRO may have a presence this year through Gary's company.

N7AKC — Dave will talk to Patrick (Food truck guy) about participating this year and exploring that option on an exclusive basis.

KA7VPR — We need to think about admission fees and vendor fees for this year. As previously decided we won't have a special event station this year (K7T) for the Hamfest.

### 2013 AZ QSO PARTY

The Club won an award for the 2013 Arizona Multi Operator LP/HP for the 2013 Arizona QSO Party. A Plaque was presented to KT7AZ for the Club at the Williams Hamfest. Thanks and congratulations to Tom, W8TK, for providing the venue for the contest success.

### Adjourn

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 sponsored and approved VE Session immediately followed the Meeting.

Approved:

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Bob Molczan, KA7VPR  
President

Attest:

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Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC  
Secretary