

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

Minutes of Members Meeting
August 15, 2014

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on August 15, 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
David Beauchesne, AK2L -- Treasurer
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary
Dave Coccio, N7AKC
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ
Scott Boone, K7ADX

40 Members present per the Roster, 5 Visitors or persons who did not sign the Roster; with a total of 45 persons present.

7:00 P.M. The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR

New Members were introduced.

The Board and Officers were introduced.

AK2L talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

The President announced that our Programs Manager--Steve, W1SR is available to talk to prospective members and for suggestions for speakers.

7:10 P.M. Presentation via Skype:

FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement

Presented by Laura Smith, FCC General Counsel

FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith will be our guest speaker at the August meeting. Smith was named to the position, filling the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth,

K4ZDH, retired in 2008; Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the Commission's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.

Smith, a lawyer and member of the bar in the state of Virginia, is no stranger to the FCC or Amateur Radio. She began her legal career with the Commission, working in the Mass Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), working with Senior System Analyst Bill Cross, W3TN; she also served as Deputy Division Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. Smith also knew Hollingsworth through her father-in-law Richard M. Smith, former Chief of the Field Operations Bureau, at the time responsible for all FCC field engineering and enforcement activities. Richard Smith led many investigations of illegal uses of the radio spectrum, including the successful apprehension of "Captain Midnight" who overrode a satellite television broadcast signal. Smith also served as Chief of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology (OET).

Smith has emphasized that an Amateur Radio license is "a privilege, not a right. When you come to the FCC and you sign up for a license and you get that license, you have agreed to abide by those Rules. That is inherent in the application process. As an applicant and a licensee, you have said, 'I will hereby comply with the Rules that have been enacted by the FCC.' So you have said, 'I will adhere to that.' And if you choose not to, then you are subject to losing that privilege."

Laura Smith's gave her e-mail address to the group:

laura.smith@fcc.gov

8:05 P.M. * 10 Minute Break *

8:20 P.M. Handyman Corner:

Presented by Tom, W8TK

Our Chief Elmer and FD Chairman, Tom, W8TK, showed us how to make a high quality microphone for \$1.

8:30 P.M. Slide Show

AK2L showed some slides from his visit to the ARRL Annual Convention. David attended several seminars at the Convention. David also visited the ARRL H.Q.

8:40 P.M. Business section of meeting

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

July 18, 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.

Officer's Reports – President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary

Treasurer reports we have \$2,481.00 in the bank.

Board Member Reports –

N7AKC is trying to get the same food truck for the Hamfest that we had last year.

D-Star Project – The OVARC DStar repeater is on-line on 445.800. Report by Gary, KT7AZ. There is a free pdf called DStar for Dummies, which is available for download.

K7ADX talked about the project and gave credit to Ron, W7HD; Bob, AF9W; and Gary, KT7AZ.

NEW BUSINESS –

*Frequency Change of Magee Repeater – KA7VPR

New frequency will be 146.76 -600 PL 156.7. The change will be announced before it occurs.

*Hamfest 2014 – Any new info – W7HD & AK2L, W1SR

We are waiting on final approval for overnight parking for vendors.

*2015 ARRL Southwest Convention – Possibility of OVARC hosting. Preliminary plans in the works. AE7GP talked about the Williams Hamfest and Randy, KF0X, being elected as First Vice Chair for ARCA.

*New Raffle Idea – Have a high value prize every third meeting. Selling tickets on the web site. Possibly Open up to non-members (on web site) as well. Membership response to the idea was positive.

*Need membership volunteers to commit to setting up refreshment table. Bob will put out a request by e-mail.

*Floor open to member comments.

9:15 Raffle Drawing

9:20 Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by AE7GP and seconded by N7AKC, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary