

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
12-13-14

A Rescheduled Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on December 13, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at the Oro Valley Police Department Emergency Operations Center, 1920 E Tangerine Road, Oro Valley, Arizona. The Regular Meeting scheduled for December 6, 2014 was postponed due to a public service event. Notice of the rescheduled meeting was transmitted via e-mail by the President to all Club Members and Board Members.

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
David Branson, KC0LL
Scott Boone, K7ADX

Members:

Gary Pierce, AE7GP — OVARC ARCA Representative
Bob Stephens, AF9W — Webmaster
Steve Wood, W1SR — Programs Manager

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

AK2L addressed the Board concerning why he wasn't running for another term on the Board. David explained it's only because of time constraints. But David will still be active and involved in assisting the Club with its activities. The Board thanked David for all his support.

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

November 1, 2014 Directors Meeting; November 21, 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.

Magee Station. KC0LL reported on replacement of the Magee repeater. The repeater is now on 147.32. There was an issue with the CL100. A replacement (spare) CL100 is currently being used. KT7AZ reported that he is attempting repair of the removed CL100. Echolink is offline because Echolink isn't supported by the new CAT controller. After receiving little interest from the Membership in response to the question of whether Echolink should be maintained, upon Motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Club won't explore Echolink connections at this time. Echolink may be explored at another time.

KT7AZ talked about the OVPD eventually vacating the Magee location, so we need to start looking for a new location for the 2 Meter repeater and D-Star repeater that's there now. We will start planning for this at or after the January Club meeting.

Extra CAT equipment for backup – KC0LL talked to CAT and it can be repaired. A new one costs about \$400.00. We will take an inventory and decide later on purchasing backup equipment.

Keystone. KC0LL reported that the OVARC repeater currently at Keystone was repaired by swapping out a PA board from another repeater David owns.

The Club recently purchased an extra TKR-720 for \$275.00. KC0LL identified certain issues which he was able to correct. The repeater checked out ok. David will program the repeater as a backup unit for Keystone/Magee, optimized for Keystone. We will start cycling repeaters through the sites with the modifications.

KC0LL requested access to the Main Station site for 444.100 so that the repeater mods can be made there. KT7AZ will work with KC0LL after the meeting.

Golder Ranch Problem – We need access to investigate audio noise from repeater.

New D-Star repeater – We will get the word out on the web site and the NET's once the repeater is up and running.

Classes at the Church – AK2L reported the Church seems receptive to classes at the Church. We are still in talks with the Church.

VE sessions at the Church – AK2L reported that the Church was also receptive to this. We could move the VE Session to a different day from the Board Meeting.

Absentee ballots. Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the form of Absentee Ballot and procedure have been approved. If anyone needs an absentee ballot, they need to have their dues paid by January 9 and contact the Secretary to obtain an Absentee Ballot.

Participation in RST Hamfest – AK2L will man the OVARC table. Announcements will be made soliciting donations from the Membership and on the web site.

Backup power for Keystone – KC0LL has a design planned. We need two power supplies. Good batteries are expensive. AE7GP may be able to get a deal on batteries. Upon Motion duly made, seconded and carried, without objection, KC0LL will present a budget for proposed expenses in the solar project. For various reasons, the idea of solar power was tabled at this time.

Election Nominations – Who has been nominated? The Secretary reported on Nominations made and accepted at the last Membership Meeting: KA7VPR and KC0LL.

AK2L was nominated, but declined to accept nomination. W1SR was nominated, and confirms today he will accept nomination.

Additional nominations have been received by the President, the majority of which have not communicated whether or not they will accept nomination:

Carl Foster KB7AZ - not confirmed
Bob Stephens AF9W — confirmed
John Behrens K7JWB — not confirmed
George Cooley NG7A — not confirmed
Tom Kravek W8TK — Tom respectfully declined
Lanny Voight KF7LV — not confirmed

Nominated and accepted for the ballot at this time: KC0LL, W1SR, KA7VPR, AF9W.

The Present will contact the remainder of unconfirmed nominees to confirm whether they want to run for a Board position.

Holiday party- Door prizes, raffle, food, supplies. AF9W and Gloria have taken point on Holiday Party preparations. Bob prepared a budget for expenses of approximately \$200.00. Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried without objection, the budget was approved. Bob will have a Sign-up Genius created for the membership.

Door prizes of approximately \$200.00, budget moved and approved without objections.

The multi-month raffle tickets will be sold and we may have the drawing at the party if the remaining tickets are sold.

There being no further business for the Board, upon by Motion duly made, seconded, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary