

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on February 7, 2015 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
Scott Boone, K7ADX -- Treasurer
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary
Dave Coccio, N7AKC
Carl Foster, KB7AZ
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ
Steve Wood, W1SR -- Program Manager
Bob Stephens, AF9W -- Webmaster

The following Members were present:

Gary, AE7GP -- OVARC ARCA Representative
Ron, W7AI
Jim, W5ZIT
Jim, W7JRG -- OVARC Licensing Manager

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

New Board Members were welcomed -- KB7AZ, W1SR, AF9W.

- The First Order of Business was approval of the following Minutes: Annual Members Meeting of January 16, 2015 and Special Board of Directors Meeting following Annual Meeting of January 16, 2015.
- 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.
- The next order of business was the appointment of a new Statutory Agent for the records of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Upon Motion duly made, seconded,

and carried, and without objection: Secretary Howard Chorost, KC7AC, was appointed as Statutory Agent of the Corporation. Said appointment is retroactive to January 16, 2015 and is hereby ratified by the Corporation.

- The President indicated it would be beneficial to create a Spending Budget Report to be presented to the Membership at the March Meeting. Scott, K7ADX, will prepare the report.
- Scott, K7ADX, reported that he has transitioned into the position of Treasurer, and praised AK2L for his organization of the Office of Treasurer, and ease of the transition.
- W1SR talked about licensing classes and suggested that maybe we have a perpetual schedule of classes. KA7VPR stated that if we have enough interest in classes, we will be able to have enough instructors commit to having classes. AF9W reported that AK2L was talking about having classes in Marana. AF9W will talk to AK2L and see if he wants to commit to holding classes. It was decided to put something on the schedule and see if we have persons interested in taking classes.
- There was some discussions regarding the necessity of relocating the repeaters at Magee Station resulting from the OVPD's eventual departure from that location. The matter was tabled for further discussion at a later meeting. The plan is to stay as long as we can, but we need to make other arrangements.
- W1SR brought up that Tom, W8TK currently holds the title of "Field Day Chairman." Steve suggested that we add "Chief Elmer" to his title as well. Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was resolved that we will bring this up at the next Club Meeting after first confirming with Tom. AF9W reported that Tom is already referred to as "Field Day Chairman and Chief Elmer" in the "About OVARC" -- "Leadership" Section of the Club's web site at www.tucsonhamradio.org.
- North American QSO Party last month. KT7AZ reported we had about fifteen participants. Of these, about five newly licensed Amateurs operated the contest.
- KA7VPR indicated the necessity for the Clubs' purchase of a portable audio mixer for the Skype presentations. There have been issues using the system at the Church. It will cost about \$100.00. Upon Motion made by N7AKC, seconded by W1SR, and carried without objection, the Motion was carried for the purchase.
- K7ADX reported that our ARCA Membership has been renewed.
- AE7GP reported he will attend the March ARCA Meeting in Scottsdale. There are indications that the ARCA Annual Meeting may be moved back to Flagstaff. KA7VPR indicated the Club supports Randy's (KF0X) efforts in this regard.
- Report on KG7PJV DStar Repeater. The new DStar addition to the repeater line-up for the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club is on the air on 445.1375 MHz (-5 MHz), DV,

running 15 watts output power. We have extended Tucson coverage to the South and East on DStar. AE7GP reported being able to get in near Benson. The repeater is located at the QTH of KC7AC, and is expected to complement and extend the existing coverage of the 445.800 DStar repeater currently at the Magee Substation. Plans are in the works to improve coverage of the KG7PJV repeater by the installation of a folded dipole antenna. KT7AZ, AE7GP, AF9W, and KC7AC talked about the developments and continued work on this project.

- KT7AZ suggested all the DStar control operators get together for a meeting to coordinate a package or manual on DStar operations. Gary also suggested we should also do the same thing for analog operations. The President will announce a date and time for a meeting.
- KA7VPR talked about coordinating a trip to Keystone exclusively for Members to be organized by David, KC0LL.
- KA7VPR brought up that we need to move things from AK2Ls house. Raffle items can be stored now with KC7AC and W1SR will take care of procurement of prizes. Following the Meeting KC7AC picked up several raffle items from K7ADX for storage.
- Jim, W5ZIT -- Jim gave the Board a Presentation on the "Second Generation Amateur Radio Network." Jim answered questions presented by a few Board Members. Jim is going to write up a proposal which will be considered by the Board.

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 A.M.

An Official ARRL Sanctioned VE Testing Session immediately followed the Meeting.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary