

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
March 7, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on March 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  
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary  
Dave Coccio, N7AKC  
Carl Foster, KB7AZ  
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ  
Steve Wood, W1SR -- Program Manager

Absent were K7ADX and AF9W, who are participating in a public service event.

Members Present:

Gary, AE7GP — ARCA Representative  
Ron, W7AI  
Roger, K7ROG  
Jim, W5ZIT  
Jim, W7JRG — Licensing Manager

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

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

February 7, 2015 Directors Meeting; February 20, 2015 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.

Before the Board today were the following Agenda items:

- Financial Pie Chart. The President presented a pie chart created by the Treasurer in regard to income and expenses for 2014. The pie chart will be shown to the Membership at the next Club Meeting.
- Hamfest 2015 – Date, advertising etc. We decided on November 7 at the Marana Middle School. W1SR will coordinate advertising in QST.
- CL-100s- What is the status of broken units? What do we need? KT7AZ reported that two of the CL-100s are off-line. Spare units are in place and all analog repeaters are connected at the present time, with the exception of Golder Ranch. Gary is working on getting the link connected to Golder. KA7VPR will call CAT about getting the two CL-100s repaired.
- D-Star Repeater – ISP Status & Gateway, REF002B. We had ISP issues at the Magee Station. 445.800 is now back on the Internet.
- United Way – Gary KT7AZ. With regard to pledges to United Way via payroll deduction, there is a way to designate donations to OVARC through United Way. Gary suggested information on the web site regarding donations, including a sponsor page. KA7VPR will talk to Bob, AF9W, about putting this up on the web site.
- Monthly Club Meeting Presentation Schedule – Steve W1SR. There is an updated calendar. We are booked through June on presentations.
- RST March Hamfest – OVARC will have a presence. AK2L and AE7GP will share a table. Discussions regarding the SB-1000 AMP and the status of repairs. Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, Resolved that the Club will rent a table at the Hamfest. The RST Hamfest is March 28 at the Golden Corral on 22nd Street.
- Raffle Prize Status – W1SR and KC7AC. We will have three prizes.
- Club Events – Activities sponsored by the club as promised. We need to get things in the pipeline and start planning.
- The Magee site: KT7AZ reported that while we still need to find a new site for the repeaters at Magee, we may be able to stay a little longer. KA7VPR reported the Township of Marana was receptive.
- SGARN – Jim W5ZIT. Jim gave a second talk to the Board regarding the "Second Generation Amateur Radio Network." This is the same mode that the Voice of America uses for distributing text world-wide. This is a back-up system for

distribution of text messages in the absence of cell systems and the internet. The transmissions would occur for approximately thirty minutes initially daily at approximately 8:00 P.M. over the analog network. But it could use up to an hour, daily, of repeater time. KB7AZ indicated that perhaps if the transmission could be small and not tie up the repeaters for a great length of time it would be more realistic. KA7VPR recommended that we try it for a little while. N7AKC indicated that 8:00 P.M. is prime-time for operations for voice. KC7AC asked how can the time for these transmissions be reduced, and how can we schedule that at a time when there isn't much use of the system. Motion from the floor to establish an experimental schedule on a trial basis, which Motion was seconded and carried, without objection.

There being no further business for the Board, upon by Motion duly made, seconded, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

An Official ARRL VE Testing session immediately followed the Meeting.

Approved:

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Bob Molczan, KA7VPR  
President

Attest:

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Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC  
Secretary