

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on June 6, 2016 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

Members Present:

Gary, AE7GP — ARCA Representative
Roger, K7ROG
David, KC0LL
Mary, N7TOY
David, AK2L
Dave, K0DMH
Lanny, KF7LV — Licensing Manager

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

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

May 2, 2015 Directors Meeting; May 15, 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.

Field Day Status

- Field Day Sign-Up Status & Rules Issue

W8TK couldn't make the meeting, but reported to KA7VPR that we are all set for Field Day.

KA7VPR solicited Walmart for a donation for supplies.

Field Day signups. We need more folks to sign up overnight. There was a limit on time slots which needs to be relaxed so we can have more folks operating. Moved and approved without objections.

- Field Day Dinner Status – Need Coffee Maker?

N7AKC reported we have 28 tickets sold. Dave needs to confirm tables and food shortly. We will add five dinners over the amount of tickets sold so we have meals to offer to the PD. The Club will cover the cost. KC7AC will bring a Coffee Maker. The Club will pick up the cost of Pizza for lunch and for ice cream in the evening. Expenditures moved and approved without objections.

- Golder Ranch Repeater – Status

KT7AZ reported that there may be issues with 440.400. The repeater is currently off the air until Gary can access the site. The difficulty of this site has always been access. KT7AZ indicated that his poll at the Club Meeting was that nobody at the meeting raised a hand to indicate that they use the repeater. K7ROG reminded the Board that the repeater is used for the Marathon. There was discussion regarding possibly taking the repeater out of service and then having a temporary repeater set up for events to cover the area that Golder covers. The matter was tabled.

- D-Star Repeater progress – KG7PJV, KG7RWN

KC7AC reported that KG7PJV is fully operational.
AE7GP reported that KG7RWN is fully operational.

- CL-100's Repaired – Received by KA7VPR

KA7VPR reported that the CL-100s have been repaired, without charge.

- Raffle Prize Status – Regular and Special. Next Special Prize?

There was discussion regarding future prizes.

- Raffle Sales Status – Howard & Scott – Are we making expected revenue?

We are doing well.

AE7GP volunteered on behalf of Western Communications to donate an antenna to be given away in addition to the HF Transceiver Special Raffle prize.

- KA7VPR Repeater Amplifier Repair – Revisited for supplemental ratification by the Board

Repair of KA7VPR's Amp that was on loan for use at Keystone. Expense previously approved at maximum of \$300.00. Ratified and approved at this time without objections.

- Baufeng Give-Away – Do we continue?

We gave away two already. We have one left. The interest seems to have fallen off a bit. A question to the floor as to whether we purchase additional radios. Following discussion, the matter was tabled.

- OVARC Repeater Activity Down – Should we be concerned? Can we increase?

Bob will send an e-mail out to the Membership and we will offer clinics on programming radios.

- Linking of Analog & D-Star

There was a discussion regarding the interest and feasibility of linking the D-Star and analog systems. Without gaging the interest of the SIG, KT7AZ said maybe it would be good to have in an emergency situation. There are reflector issues with this. K7ADX said this is experimental when using an "X" Reflector. The technology is too new and its something we may want to address in the future. Per W1SR's suggestion, the matter was tabled pending further investigation and discussions.

- Yaesu Fusion Repeater – Consideration of updated unit?

KA7VPR was contacted by Yaesu. Information is that there are now ways to interface the Fusion repeater for purposes of linking. There is a special on these repeaters for \$500.00 each. KC0LL said we do have a few spare TKR repeaters on hand. AE7GP indicated these repeaters do well on analog. W7HD volunteered to put a Fusion repeater at his house for purposes of testing. KB7AZ indicated its a good price. KT7AZ brought up that if we were to consider linking Analog to D-Star that there may be a way to interface this with D-Star and analog. KA7VPR will poll the Membership by e-mail and at the next Club Meeting.

- Possible Marana Repeater site.

AK2L and AF9W have been working with the Town of Marana concerning moving the 147.32 repeater from Magee Station to a site in Marana.

- Comments from the Floor:

KC0LL said that if we needed a site we could use the tower at his house.

- Linking with KC0LL repeater System

KC0LL also offered to extend coverage at little or no cost by linking to his repeater on 449.875 on Mt. Lemmon, which is also linked to 444.875 on Keystone. By unanimous consent, the the Board is open to move this process along.

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

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary