

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on August 1, 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

Members present:

Gary, AE7GP — ARCA Representative.
Jim, W5ZIT
John, W9OW
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:

June 6, 2015 Board Meeting; June 19, 2015 Members Meeting; July 17, 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.

- Club Call Sign Change from W0HF to W7AI – Official vote by Board of Directors.

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we report on the passing of our good friend, past Vice President, and co-founder of the Club, Ron Walther, W7AI. In order to recognize Ron's significant contributions to the Club and in Memoriam, Amalia Walther, W7AMW, will authorize the adoption of Ron's call as the Club's new vanity call sign.

Upon Motion duly made by N7AKC, seconded by W7HD, and carried without objections, the Board voted to change the call sign. Out of courtesy, Bob will present this to Membership via e-mail to see if anyone has a substantive objection that would suggest the Board reconsider the change.

- KC0LL will work on repairing the Internet link to Keystone.
- KT7AZ — 147.32 is working at Golder. 444.400 is out of service right now. Once the call sign is changed, we will have to change the call on all the repeaters, including DStar.
- Issue with Reflector 2. We will point all D-Star repeaters to W0HF temporarily.
- Repeater – Status report, New Gateway PC, ircDDB – Gary KT7AZ
- If we put the 440.400 repeater back into service on Marana, we will need to coordinate another frequency pair since 440.400 is designated a “backyard” pair.
- There was a discussion of potential improvements to the internet infrastructure.
- Post Field Day report – Steve W1SR, Gary KT7AZ

W1SR and KT7AZ reported that there were some issues with the updated N1MM software;

Suggestions were made for a safety talk to the general membership for next Field Day;

N7AKC had some new ideas on food for next year;

W8TK reported to Bob that we had a successful Field Day.

- W8TK relayed to KA7VPR that OVARC won the AZ QSO party in the multi-operator category.
- Treasurer report as relayed from K7ADX to KA7VPR - \$4,482.74 in the bank — Paypal balance \$742.00 — 160 paid OVARC members.
- KA7VPR reported he received information concerning an alleged incident back in late May or June of 2013 of a QSO taking place in Spanish where an OVARC member allegedly told the QSO participants that they should only speak English on the OVARC system. There was allegedly a search and rescue operation going on in Mexico and they were using the Keystone repeater. Bob is going to look into this and report back to the Board. There was some discussion regarding how we can effectively comply with control operator requirements if we don't understand the language used in transmissions.
- Club Presentation – Something Different — Bob is going to poll the Membership regarding other types of presentations.
- Band Pass Filters for Field Day operations. We need to purchase band pass filters owned by the Club. Cost will be about \$350.00. Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, expense was approved.
- Heliograph Field Trip – rescheduled to Saturday August 8.
- “Signals from OVARC” – Steve W1SR

We have Handyman Corner and Dr. DX as part of the monthly presentation. KB7AZ came up with an additional program called “Signals from OVARC” where Members can do a show and tell type presentation. Also, we can have practical operation presentations. Upon Motion duly made, seconded and carried and without objection, the program “Signals from OVARC” was approved.

- Dayton 2016 Group Arrangements – Steve W1SR. Steve is still looking into it.
- New Tech Class – Get the Word Out – Steve W1SR

David, AK2L, has a new class scheduled. Information concerning the Class is on the website.

Gary, KT7AZ, suggested placing ads in local publications. KA7VPR made a Motion, seconded by W1SR and carried without objection that he will make up information cards that the Board Members can carry around and

hand out. The Club will pick up the costs, which will be nominal.

- Hamfest Preparation – We need to get ready for the Hamfest. Bob will send announcements regarding planning meetings.
- Special Raffle Prize – The next special raffle prize will be another Alinco SR-8.

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

An ARRL sanctioned VE Session immediately followed the Meeting.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary