

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

Minutes of Members Meeting
November 20, 2015

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on November 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W. Magee Road, Tucson, 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
Carl Foster, KB7AZ
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ
Steve Wood, W1SR -- Program Manager
Bob Stephens, AF9W -- Webmaster

61 Members present with 8 Visitors.

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

New Members were introduced.

The Board and Officers were introduced.

Scott, K7ADX, talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

Presentation:

QSL?

Presented by Tom, W8TK

The Q-code was developed decades ago to make communication via Morse code more efficient. It was the predecessor of the abbreviations used today for texting. QSL means "I acknowledge receipt" and with a question mark added, QSL? means "Do you acknowledge receipt?" Over the years, QSL has come to mean a written or electronic confirmation of a contact (Q-code for contact = QSO) made over the air. Tom, W8TK,

will describe the tradition of exchanging QSL cards and reasons for doing so, with numerous examples of cards from his collection. He will also discuss design, printing, mailing of cards, QSL bureaus, and modern electronic QSL methods.

W8TK has been continuously licensed since 1959 and has exchanged thousands of paper cards over the years as well as uploading over a half million contacts to Logbook of the World.

****10 Minute Break****

Handyman Corner -- W8TK
"The Legend of the Wouff Hong"

Business section of Meeting:

- The First Order of Business was approval of the following Minutes:
October 16, 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.

- Results of the 2015 OVARC Hamfest. Treasurer K7ADX reports \$2,896.40 Net after expenses. We have \$8,079.00 in the bank, which includes the DStar sig balance of \$840.00.
- The next OVARC Hamfest is scheduled for November 12, 2016 at the Marana Middle School.
- El Tour de Tucson is tomorrow. The Club thanks all operators who are assisting.
- Marana Repeater Project — Discussion by AK2L. KA7VPR announced additional costs of \$600-\$700 for an antenna, plus we need a tower climber and there will be an additional cost for the climber. Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, without objection, the Members authorized the Board to proceed to complete a License Agreement with the Town of Marana regarding a site for a UHF FM Repeater.
- Holiday Party on Sunday, December 20.
- Elections at the January Meeting. We need more nominations.
- Special Raffle and Regular Raffle Drawing.
Special Raffle for Alinco DX-SR8T won by Jim Christian, KE7VJW.

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by W1SR and seconded by KT7AZ, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary