

# Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Board Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

April 2, 2016

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Bob, KA7VPR.

#### Board Members Present

- Bob, KA7VPR, President
- Steve, W1SR, Vice-president
- Hanna, KG7TPD, Treasurer
- Carl, KB7AZ, Secretary
- Lanny, KF7LV, Board Member
- Fred, W2HZ, Board Member
- Ross, K4WBR, Board Member
- Scott, K7ADX, Board Member
- Bob, AF9W, Board Member

#### Other Members Present

- Jim, W5ZIT, Club Member
- Howard, KC7AC, Club Member
- Gary, AE7GP, ARCA liaison
- Gary, KT7AZ, Repeater committee
- Tom, W8TK
- David, N7AKC
- David, AK2L

### Loaner Program

The board reviewed the proposed loaner program as proposed by David, AK2L. The board hopes that by providing the service that several people will use the loaner equipment to become familiar with HF operation and eventually get their own equipment.

The proponents are asking the board for the following:

- Approval of the plan
- Insurance coverage for club-owned assets
- Up-front funding of \$250
- Approval of collecting \$20 from each participant to cover insurance costs
- Concurrence with giving preference to new licensees

Bob, AF9W, suggested that people who have shown an interest in HF operation, such as participating in field day or an HF contest, be given priority.

Scott, K7ADX, suggested that there should be a written and approved check-out and check-in policy.

The board decided to continue discussions at the next board meeting and encourage people to send suggestions to David, AK2L.

Steve, W1SR, moved to approve an initial outlay of up to \$250 to get started. Ross, W4WBR, seconded the motion. The motion passed

### Repeater Committee

The 444.0 repeater is up and operating at the OVPD. Jim, W5ZIT, has been tweaking a TKR-820 and it is nearly ready to be installed at the Golder Ranch Fire Station. Both Gary and Jim are working to balance the repeater audio levels and audio tone. The third repeater that is slated for Marana is here, and the Marana City Manager has given full approval for the installation. Access to the Marana facility will be limited to four people.

Bob, KA7VPR, wishes to relinquish being the trustee of the club callsign to someone else. Gary, KT7AZ, agreed to take over as the callsign trustee.

The club needs at least one more CL-100. The cost is \$400 for one or \$700 for two. Scott, K7ADX, moved to spend up to \$400 for a new CL-100. The motion was seconded by Bob, AF9W, and the motion passed.

Gary, AE7GP, commented that there is a significant reduction in repeater signal level on the East Side, and suggested that the level drop should be investigated on a single trip up the mountain to replace the repeater.

Bob, KA7VPR, has a personally-owned repeater that is sent up on the 440.1 frequency pair and would like to put it on the air as a “back yard” repeater. Bob, AF9W, moved that the club relinquish the 440.1 frequency pair. Scott, K7ADX, seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### Treasurer’s Report

Deposits           \$ 625.00   (\$ 355 from Membership, \$ 270 from Raffle)

Expenses           \$ 2046.20   (\$ 1553.40 was equipment)

Checking Balance       \$ 5,540

Savings Balance       \$ 171

PayPal Balance       \$ 512

Total               \$ 6,223

### OVARC Logo for Clothing

Bob, AF9W< requested \$35 to digitize the OVARC logo for Café Press. Then club members can order whatever they want without going through someone in the club. Steve, W1SR, seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### Vintage Gear

The board decided that the vintage gear that was donated to the club should be offered to club members. Bob, AF9W, will try to sell the key on EBay.

## **Sunday Net**

After some discussion, the board decided to move the Sunday net starting time to 8:00 pm starting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Raffle**

Steve, W1SR, made a motion to buy another Alinco HF radio for the next high-end raffle. Scott, K7ADX, seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Steve also noted that the new check-in process worked well at the last general meeting. The process needs a little refinement that will be done for the next meeting.

## **QSL Cards**

The process for handling incoming QSL cards is to get the cards to Bob, AF9W. He will then send out the club's card to those requesting it. Ross, K4WBR, will take them when Bob leaves for the summer

## **Hamfest Chair**

Steve, W1SR, agreed to be this year's Hamfest chair.

## **Membership**

Bob, AF9W, will work with Hanna, KG7TPD, to send email notices to members who did not renew. Fred, W2Hz, suggested that we do an email member survey to see what members expect from the club. Bob, AF9W, suggested that we conduct a blind survey instead of a \n email survey so individuals would be more open with their responses.

## **LINUX Class**

Ron, W7HD, would like to conduct a LINUX class. This would be helpful to the D-Star users. He is getting responses from the D-Star SIG members to see if there is enough interest.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM

Submitted by Carl Foster, KB7AZ, Club Secretary