

# Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2016

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Steve, W1SR.

#### Board Members Present

- Steve, W1SR, President
- Hanna, KG7TPD, Treasurer
- Carl, KB7AZ, Secretary
- Fred, W2HZ, Board Member
- Ross, K4WBR, Board Member
- Scott, K7ADX, Board Member

#### Other Members Present

- Jim, W5ZIT, Member
- Marnee, KG7SIO, Member
- Gary, KT7AZ, Repeater committee
- Quinton, NU7Y, Member
- Roger Stubbs, K7ROG, Member
- Brian, W4ES, Member

### 1. July Minutes

Scott, K7ADX, moved to waive reading of the July minutes and approve them as amended. Fred, W2HZ, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### 2. Sunday Net Manager

Lanny, KF7LV, tendered his resignation from the board, Sunday net manager, and Licensing Manager citing personal issues. Brian, W4ES, accepted the board's appointment of him for the net manager position.

### 3. Licensing Manager

Quinton, NU7Y, volunteered to be the licensing manager, replacing Lanny, KF7LV.

### 4. Membership Meeting Audio Setup

The board agreed that the club should own all of the equipment that is needed to run meetings. Up until now we have borrowed members' personal microphones and other equipment. The club owns a mixer, a laptop computer, and maybe some audio cables. The board decided, after some discussion, that the club should purchase a wireless microphone. After further discussion, the board decided to get both a head-worn microphone to allow the president (or whomever is running the meeting) and the main presenter to have both hands free and to keep the microphone near the speaker's mouth throughout the presentation. Carl, KB7AZ, and Roger, K7ROG, had researched the available equipment and recommended a stand-alone amplifier/speaker system and a dual wireless microphone set-up that included both a hand-held and head-worn microphone. The total cost of the combination is about \$1050. Scott moved to allocate \$1100 to purchase both units and authorize Carl and Roger to buy the items. Hanna seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **5. Member Survey**

Fred, W2HZ, and Marnee, KG7SIO, showed the board the survey questions that they are proposing to use in order to determine the future direction of the club. The questions were well thought out and the board had a few suggestions. Fred and Marnie will present the final survey questions at the September board meeting.

## **6. NPOTA Event**

Tom, W8TK, is coordinating activating the Tumacacori Monument from 6AM to 10AM on Thursday August 25. This will be a great field event for new hams to see how HF operating is done. Steve, W1SR, will advise the Green Valley club that we will be there.

## **7. AA7MY Situation**

No action at this time.

## **8. Arizona QSO Party – SW**

The 2016 Arizona QSO Party is the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend of October. This year it is October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 1600Z (9am MST) Saturday to 0600Z Sunday (11pm MST Saturday), and 1400Z (7am MST) Sunday to 2359Z (5pm MST) Sunday. The total time is 24 hours. Tom, W8TK, will open his station for other club members to operate in shifts.

## **9. August Member Meeting**

The program for the August meeting is a Skype Call-In from Joe Carcia, who is the station manager at W1AW. We will need the high-rate WI-FI log-in passwords for the meeting. Also, the Big Raffle prize is an IC-718 that has been purchased.

## **10. AZ Corporation Commission**

All documents have been submitted.

## **11. Linux SIG**

Ron, W7HD, was not at the meeting. He is, however, promoting the SIG to other clubs and the general ham population.

## **12. Newsletter**

Ron, W7HD, is always looking for photographs and articles for the newsletter.

## **13. Board Changes**

We will solicit nominations for board positions at the November meeting. We will need to fill four positions for the 2017 Board of Directors. After discussion, the board decided that Steve, W1SR, will contact Gary Pierce, AE7GP, to give him the right of first refusal to join the board for the remainder of Lanny's term.

## 14. Repeater Status - GS

Gary, KT7AZ, and Jim, W7ZIT, jointly presented the repeater status. The Marana repeater is up and running with a temporary antenna. It is interconnected with the other repeaters. We will need approximately 100 feet of LMR-600 coaxial cable and connectors to complete the task. The antenna will be placed at approximately 60 feet above the ground and will be installed by a professional tower climber in accordance with Marana's regulations. Placing the antenna at the top, which is 100 feet above the ground, would require expensive equipment.

Gary indicated that we have about \$800 to \$900 worth of unused equipment. Scott moved to direct Gary to sell surplus equipment on EBay or other means while retaining one repeater system for a backup. Fred seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

## 15. Treasurer's Report

- Deposits \$ 763
- Expenses \$ 30
- Checking Balance \$ 4136
- Savings Balance \$ 147
- PayPal Balance \$ 688
- Total \$ 4971

## 16. Challenge Coins

Steve, W1SR, suggested that OVARC issue Challenge Coins as recognition gifts. We are big enough to make a large purchase of them. 50 Challenge Coins would run approximately \$500 and the supply would last many years.

## 17. Hamfest Planning

Steve, W1SR, reminded people to give donations for the OVARC sale table to Scott, K7ADX, who is stockpiling the donated items. Last year's vendors have been notified of the Hamfest and most will attend this year as well.

Walt, AL7KE, agreed to bring his RV to the parking lot and supply early power and overnight security.

JW, K7FJA, volunteered to use his trailer and pick up cones and barricades as he did in 2015. We also need 4-foot high sandwich boards to direct people to the seminars and restrooms.

Seminars – More is better – Carl is working this

- Stealth Antennas (Carl Foster, KB7AZ)
- CW Speed Effects (Carl Foster, KB7AZ)
- Lightning (Tom Fagan, K7DF)
- Grounding (Tom Fagan, K7DF)
- AMSAT (Ron Herring, W7HD)
- EMP Hardening (Don Cox, K6QZL )

- 10 Meters – a Band for all Hams (Keith Schlottman, KR7RK)
- 10 GHz (Jeff Wadsworth, KI5WL)

We will have a meeting with Eddy Walker, Marana Middle School Associate Principal, who is our liaison with the school, on September 6 at 8AM. David, AK2L, arranged the meeting.

We would like to have an HF demonstration as an attraction for prospective hams.

Event communication will be the same as last year.

### **18. Other Fund Raising Activities**

We can sell surplus equipment on EBay year-round.

### **Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be on September 3. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by Carl Foster, KB7AZ, Club Secretary