

# Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Board Meeting Minutes (Pending Approval)

September 3, 2016

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Steve, W1SR.

#### Board Members Present

- Steve, W1SR, President
- Hanna, KG7TPD, Treasurer
- Carl, KB7AZ, Secretary
- Fred, W2HZ, Board Member
- Bob, KB7VPR, 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
- Roger, K7ROG, Member
- Gary, AE7GP, Member

### 1. August 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. Repeater Status

Gary, KT7AZ, reported that the Marana repeater installation is now complete and that the antenna is at approximately 90 feet above the ground. The Repeater Committee has surplus equipment (several controllers and a repeater) that has residual value. The board directed the committee to sell the equipment any way they want to, and then forward the net proceeds to the club treasury. The committee would like to purchase a spare repeater with the proceeds. The effect of removing the preamp on the Keystone repeater appears to be a wash. The reduced sensitivity is offset by the preamp not amplifying stray RF.

Gary will send Steve a list of Randy's equipment Steve will check with Randy to see if he will either donate or sell the remaining equipment that is owned. We believe that Randy's equipment is the 444.1 TKR720 repeater and Cat/Link 250 controller.

### 3. OVARC Audio Equipment

The dual wireless microphone system is on order. OVARC will continue borrowing the projector until the treasury balance increases. Eventually the club should own all of the equipment that is used at the meetings. Scott has access to projectors.

## 4. Operating Events

There were 11 people at the Tumacacori activation. The Ft Bowie trip is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. The ranger will open the gates to allow us to drive into the operating area. AZ QSO party is October 8-9. There will be a W7AI callsign station for the event.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- Deposits \$ 50
- Expenses \$ 2506
- Checking Balance \$ 2267
- Savings Balance \$ 147
- PayPal Balance \$ 746
- Total \$ 3154

This does not include income from the August club meeting. It was approximately \$400. Steve will send welcome letters to two people who came to the August meeting to see if they are interested in joining. The big expenses are the audio equipment and repeater installation.

## 6. Member Survey

Fred, W2HZ, and Marnee, KG7SIO, showed the board the final survey questions that they are proposing to use in order to determine the future direction of the club. They included many comments from the board members. Some comments are on the surveys that some board members entered when they took the survey. The board offered a few more changes at the meeting. Steve will announce the survey through an email letter, and then the committee will activate it on the day of the September meeting. The results should be available in November.

## 7. Board Changes

Ross, K4WBR, made a motion to appoint Gary Pierce, AE7GP, to the board for the remainder of Lanny's, KF7LV's, term ending in December 2017. It was seconded by Hanna seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Four board members have expiring terms. Steve, W1SR, will run, Bob Stevens, AF9W, will stay if asked, Bob Molzcan, KA7VPR, will not run for re-election, and Scott will stay on.

## 8. Hamfest Planning

David and Steve will meet with the school vice-principal on September 6<sup>th</sup> to go over details. We will rent six tables. Gary, AE7GP, suggested that people running the event should have unique vests. Hamthreads, also known as B and B Embroidery, has the OVARC logo on file, and there are several types of vests available. The link is on the OVARC website.

We should get fifty 3-foot cones from Desert Barricades, and JW offered to pick them up. We will rent A-frame or sandwich board barricades that we can put poster board signs on to direct traffic and list the seminars.

The food vendors are set and will be there. House of Brats needs to have coffee and other items ready to go at 6:00 am for the volunteers.

Walt will leave his RV there until Sunday morning to provide overnight security and power. We need to check to see if we need to move the RV from the curb to the parking lot area. There is no prohibition against board members selling items in the tailgate area. There are enough spaces for sellers to take two spots per entry. It was full last year, but not squeezed. Steve will ask Bob, AF9W, to set up a sign-up genius to encourage members to sign up for Hamfest duties.

We need to get soft copies of the flyer to the other clubs in the area.

There were some complaints about the PA system because the sound did not carry to the east end of the Hamfest area. Covering the whole area is going to be difficult. Gary, AE7GP, will look into multiple battery-operated wireless speakers that can be placed at the corners. Carl, KB7AZ, suggested that we make announcements over a relatively unused simplex 2-meter frequency instead of a complex PA system.

### **9. September Club Meeting**

The main presentation will be on HF propagation.

### **Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The September meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by Carl Foster, KB7AZ, Club Secretary