

# Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2017

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 am by Steve, W1SR.

#### Board Members Present

- Steve, W1SR, President
- Carl, KB7AZ, Secretary
- Gary, AE7GP, Board Member
- Scott, K7ADX, Board Member
- Fred, W2HZ, Vice-president
- Hanna, KG6TPD, Treasurer
- George, NG7A, Board Member
- Ross, K4WBR, Board Member
- Marnee, KG7SIO, Board Member

#### Other Members Present

- Jim, W5ZIT, Repeater Committee
- Gary, KT7AZ, Repeater committee
- Howard, KC7AC, Member
- Tom, W8TK, Member
- Tom, W7TRA, Member
- Hal, N7BAZ, Member
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### 1. July Member Meeting Audio Resolution - Steve, Scott, Carl

We had a problem with the Internet connection at the last meeting. Any cable modem will handle the connection speed. Scott, K7ADX, will use Webex instead of Skype at the next meeting. We have a free trial. If Webex works better then we will keep it. Gary, AE7GP, can provide Internet through his network for the duration of the meeting. Bob, AF9W, will be moving to Washington permanently. We need another webmaster. Marnee, KG7SIO, volunteered to handle the webmaster duties.

### 2. Hams & Eggs Breakfast Change Opinions – Steve

There were 26 people at this morning's breakfast. We will keep going there.

### 3. Options to consume July 4th leftovers – Ross

Ross and Hanna are planning on an event on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Oracle Park from 10:00 to 1:00. It is an operating event/barbecue on the same day as El Tour. The hot dogs and hamburgers are still frozen. It is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arizona State Park System. Tom, W8TK, has reserved two ramadas with large barbecues.

#### **4. August DxPedition Details - Tom / Scott**

Scott, K7ADX, has arranged to have an operating event at the Pima Air and Space Museum on August 19<sup>TH</sup>. He also arranged for OVARC members to get in for free for the event using their club badges. We will be set up in a corner of the café. There is AC power, air conditioning, and a way to get cables outside. We need to support the café by buying coffee and snacks there. It starts at 9:00, which is when the museum opens.

In September we will celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base by Charles Lindbergh in 1927. Tom, W8TK, will check out a park that is adjacent to the base to see which part of it would be suitable.

In October we will participate in the Arizona QSO Party. The plan is to operate from a position that is on the Pima/Pinal county line so we can give two counties per contact.

Tom, W8TK, had some posters printed from templates on the ARRL website. The posters are designed to appeal to younger people and generate interest in amateur radio. He will get some cardboard tri-folds and an easel to display the posters at our operating events.

#### **5. Projector - Thanks to Scott for the upgrade – Steve**

The new projector is working well. The Dell laptop is a problem. There are parts of the software that are on the motherboard that are causing problems.

#### **6. Hamfest preparations - Planning, Donations, Changes – ALL**

Tom, W8TK, has items from last year. Scott, K7ADX, is working on getting a color guard. We could use an ice cream vendor. Fred is handling the food trucks.

#### **7. SK Proposal; Text for Brochure - Next steps – CF**

The next draft is ready. Carl, KB7AZ, passed around two copies for people to peruse. We really need a phone number for the brochures. George, NG7A, offered to set up a Google Voice account that will forward incoming calls to a designated phone number.

#### **8. Valuable Donations - E-bay, E-ham, etc. – SW**

[Covered with Item 6 – Hamfest Preparations]

#### **9. Financial Report – HE**

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The biggest expense was the projector and spare bulb (\$378). The report includes the rest of the Field Day expenses. So far this year the special raffle has brought in \$1001, and \$4200 in checking, and \$500 in the PayPal account.

#### **10. Laurel vs. ARRL license exams**

Steve, W1SR, noted that the Laurel exams are free and the results are almost instantaneous. The ARRL exams have a cost and a week or so delay. Five years ago the club decided to stay with ARRL. Quintin

stated that we have 28 VEs in the club and if Laurel will accept their ARRL accreditation, then we can switch. The license classes and exams are basically a public service. We only get two or three permanent members per year for all of the work we do.

### **11. Provide membership to KCOLL and Mary in exchange for ISP**

Scott, K7ADX, made a motion to give Dave, KCOLL, \$50 per year in return for providing our Internet service at Keystone. Ross, K4WBR, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **12. Repeater Status – GS**

Gary, KT7AZ, made a portable version of the 10-meter vertical dipole that Jim showed at the last general meeting. The feedpoint is 10 feet off of the ground, and it is shorter because he added coils to shorten the element lengths. Gary will donate it to go with the big raffle. Gary suggested making a bunch of kits that people could use to participate in the Sunday HF nets. We need to remove our stuff from the storage room at the EOC. The Internet is still down at Keystone. Due to a power surge the EOC projector failed, and the IT department blames our antennas. Gary also has a metal-cased Ethernet switch and a laptop for Keystone. We will probably need to get license for Log-Me-In after Gary's license expires. The license fee is \$500. They usually offer a reduced rate for renewing. Carl, KB7AZ, will be the alternate NCS for the 10-meter nets.

### **13. Next Big Raffle Prize**

Howard suggested that we raffle off a group of items that comes to about \$600. He suggested a UPS, a power supply, a 100-watt LDG antenna tuner, a Pelican carrying case, an OCF dipole, and an antenna analyzer. Ross suggested an inexpensive laptop with a bunch of software. Steve will put together a list with pricing and present it to the board via email.

### **14. Next Member Meeting – August 18, 2017**

The program is Remote Operation.

### **15. Next Board Meeting – September 2, 2017**

It is on Labor Day weekend, but we will keep the date.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am. The next board meeting will be on September 2, 2017.

Submitted by Carl Foster, KB7AZ, Club Secretary