

OVARC Board Meeting 10/7/17

Board Members Present:

W1SR
AE7GP
W2HZ
KG7SIO

Members Present:

W5ZIT
KC7AC
W7TRA
N7BAZ
K7EAZ

Motion from W1SR to approve minutes of September 2, 2017. Approved without objection.

W1SR reports Ron W7HD will be recovering from eye surgery so someone will have to do the coffee at the October Member meeting. W1SR said he would take over for Ron.

Hamfest:

Cones— Fred & JW - 50 cones same rate as last year approx. \$75.00. Hannah needs to send back an updated credit application to SW Barricade.

Tables — W1SR. Parties Plus. Approx \$100 for five tables. Trash bags.

Sales Table — W8TK. Not a lot to sell this year. Good results with EBay or selling at regular Club meeting.

Raffle Prizes — Past few years \$600.00 budget. The idea is to have more items rather than one large item. W8TK suggested an antenna analyzer. W5ZIT suggested DMR hand held radios from TYT. KC7AC suggested DStar HTs. W2HZ suggested books. W8TK suggested G5RV Jr. antenna. AE7GP has a ID51A that he could sell to the Club for \$250.00.

Sound System — K7ROG handled this last year.

Walt, AL7KE, will have the RV there overnight.

Traffic Control — Judy to coordinate.

Sandwich Boards— KB7AZ

Sign Up Genius — Steve will talk with AF9W.

Veterans Memorial — W2HZ — Arrival approx. 9:00 AM. About five to six people. Space should be made at Sales area that we can block with cones in advance on Friday evening or early Saturday morning. We need a flag for the ceremony. Fred suggested \$200 donation from the Club.

Motion from W2HZ for \$200.00 for the Veterans. Seconded by W1SR and approved without objection.

Food Vendors— W2HZ. House of Brats and Ice Cream

October / November DxPedition details — W8TK. QSO Party in Pinal County. Operating event same day as El Tour. Announcements on the web site. No events in December. January for Tom Mix Memorial.

SK Proposal. George is working on getting a phone number for the brochure.

Christmas party. December 10 at 3PM

Donations from deceased OVARC Member — Carl

Keystone — AE7GP

The Club needs access to the Keystone site. AE7GP has access and has made arrangements to have a key left on site in a lock box for Club access by approved and authorized Club representative. Looking to upgrade control functions for the remote location. The site has been relying on Internet access which has issues sometimes. AE7GP will make internet available through his company at his cost at \$25.00 per month using a 3 ft microwave dish to make connection to Sahurarita. The Club would need to also buy a dish and radio. \$300.00 dish; \$105.00 radio; \$147.50 shipping. This would allow not only control, but would assist in the linking.

Comments by W8TK asking whether or not we have looked for an alternative site or do away with some repeaters. Discussions ensued.

KC7AC pointed out that Keystone puts the Club on the map and is a draw for Membership and for Public Service. AE7GP pointed out that the majority of Club Members don't have access to HF because of HOAs and the repeaters give the Members a way to have convenient access to Ham Radio.

AE7GP suggested that we put the question to the Membership regarding resources.

W5ZIT pointed out that the majority of repeater use by the Club is on Keystone.

Motion to approve expense re above by W2HZ, seconded by W1SR, and approved without objection.

Next Club Meeting October 20.

Next Board Meeting November 4.

Notes for Minutes taken by Howard, KC7AC for transmittal to Club Secretary Carl, KB7AZ.

As there was not a quorum at this meeting, those board members NOT in attendance were asked to cast their votes via email. 4 additional members cast their "YES" vote to both items ratifying the vote.

(8 of 9 BOD Members Voted) - Voting Yes:

Scott

Carl

Hanna

Ross

Fred

Marnee

Steve

Gary