



## ARCA Meeting Minutes

### DeVry Hamfest

### March 30, 2024

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS at 11:00 AM. A sign-in list was circulated for in-person attendees. A total of 43 personnel attended either in person or via Zoom representing 28 different Arizona member amateur clubs and the ARCA staff.

**Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS:** Charlie thanked DeVry University/Carrington College for use of the facility and for making the room available for the ARCA meeting. He also thanked the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and Arizona Red Cross Communications Club for putting on the hamfest and gave special thanks to all who are attending today. He welcomed the Alhambra High School Amateur Radio Club as a new ARCA member and said we are especially happy to have another youth group as part of the organization. And finally, Charlie thanked all of our member clubs for their timely membership renewal and noted that only one club has not yet renewed.

**First Vice-Chair's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV:** Ray noted that we need some new individuals to serve on the board as most of the board positions are up against term limits. Please consider volunteering if you have served as a delegate or alternate in the past – nomination forms are on the front table.

**Second Vice-Chair's Report, Tom Cloonan/NL7FQ:** Tom stated that he started out as a club delegate and now has been a board member for the past two years. He stated that the second vice-chair position isn't difficult so he encouraged other delegates to consider volunteering to serve.

**Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse/K7OED:** Lee noted that we do have two potential board candidates already, but there are more than two positions open. He also stated that the draft minutes from the December meeting at the Superstition Hamfest had been emailed to all for review in January and noted that a couple of admin corrections had been made to final version emailed with this meeting invite. One further correction was noted this morning that Dave/K0NNN was listed as a visitor when he is the CHRC delegate. No further additions or corrections were offered by the members. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Walt/NJ8G to approve the minutes as amended. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. He also mentioned that in addition to ARCA grants to clubs there are other grants available from the ARRL and ARDC. The ARDC grants are focused on education and flyers are available on the front table. Rick/W7RAP noted that the ARRL club grants can be up to \$3,000.00.

**Past Chair's report, Steve Miller/W6SDM:** Steve noted that we already have two ARCA scholarship nominations in hand but the window is open until May 1<sup>st</sup> so please encourage any deserving hams in your clubs to apply for either scholarships or ham of the year recognition.

**Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL:** Chris reported that we have received the distribution from the Arizona license plate funds in the amount of \$21,711.36. In accordance with our standard procedure one quarter of the funds will be distributed to member clubs while the remainder will be evenly split with one quarter each going to scholarships, grants, and equipment/operating expenses. She also reviewed expenses over the past few months which included equipment insurance, an update of the ARCA logo graphic, a new banner for display at hamfests, postage, and a Zoom account so we can enable remote meeting participation (change from our previous Go-to-Meeting software). The grant fund balance sits at \$19,080.75 (prior to distribution of member club checks) and the scholarship fund balance is \$9,628.37. Our total equity is \$65,862.92 prior to distribution of the 2024 member club checks. Although a technical glitch prevented display of the reports on the screen, the report was available for member club review via the drop-box link that was provided with the meeting invitation. Chris also noted that the Kachina and Maricopa clubs still have not cashed their checks from last year. She stated checks will be going out soon. Please ensure your mailing address is listed correctly on the ARCA website. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Patrick/KI4NSP to accept the report as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Frequency Coordinator's Report:** Lance/KW7LH reported on the repeater owners meeting that was conducted this morning. There are no specific issues identified, but the coordinators are considering changes to the UHF band plan. More discussion will take place at the annual meeting in July. Matt/KK7NMZ asked if there is any progress identifying "paper repeaters" that are not active. Lance advised that the coordinators have more than 900 repeaters in the database and aren't able to go out and check the status of each individual repeater, so if you are aware of one that is not functioning, please advise the coordinators and they will review its coordination status. Tim/N6DLC asked why the Spirit Mountain 70cm repeater is not listed on the website even though it is coordinated. Charlie/N2TFS noted that the data on the website is only current as of August of 2023, and Lance advised that he would check to see what the delay is. Charlie also thanked the dedicated coordinators for the many thankless hours of volunteer work that they do for the community.

### **Old Business:**

**Nominations for Ham of the Year, Young Ham of the Year and Scholarships:** Charlie/N2TFS reminded folks that the suspense for scholarships and ham of the year are due NLT than May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a member in your club that needs a scholarship or has been doing great work over the past year, he encouraged clubs to nominate them. Applications for all programs are on listed the ARCA website. Lee/K7OED reminded folks to submit applications online rather than through snail mail as online is more timely and we are trying to minimize physical paperwork.

### **New Business:**

**ARCA Member Survey:** Lee/K7OED reported that the ARCA board is interested in feedback from our member clubs to see what they think ARCA is doing well (or not doing well), and if there are other areas of interest to the Arizona ham community that we should be focusing on. As a result, the board is conducting a survey of member club interest that was distributed with the invite to today's meeting; copies are also available on the front table and were on the ARCA hamfest table. Please respond to the survey by the end of May so we can tabulate the responses and provide feedback during the annual meeting in July.

**ARCA Equipment Inventory:** Charlie/N2TFS reported that we recently conducted an annual inventory of ARCA equipment to ensure it is properly documented on our insurance policy. The trailer and equipment is available for member club use provided it isn't abused, but responsibility for pulling the trailer to an event is the responsibility of the member club (Note: it can be pulled by a ½ ton vehicle). He also noted that

the audiovisual system is working well and thanked Mike/K7URK for his help in both configuring the system and operating it for several meetings now. He also requested that if there are other folks who would like to learn how to operate the equipment it would be appreciated because Mike cannot always be available for meetings. Please let us know and we will make arrangements for training.

**Hamfest Signage:** Rick/W7RAP noted that it would be nice if we had professional-looking signage to advertise hamfests. Brian/AK7F noted that sandwich boards would also be useful. Charlie/N2TFS noted that advertising to a broader audience to include computers and electronics would be useful and noted that today's event was also advertised on Craigslist.

**Grant Funding:** Rick/W7STS asked how many grants ARCA has given over time. Charlie/N2TFS stated we will provide a list at the Annual Meeting in July.

**Upcoming Hamfest Calendar Review: (Bolded\* Entries Indicate ARCA Meetings)**

1. April 6: RST Spring Hamfest (Tucson)
2. April 20: Prescott Hamfest
3. May 4: Cochise Hamfest (Sierra Vista)
4. **July 20: Flagstaff Hamfest\***
5. **September 14: ARCA Fall Meeting\*** (Phoenix Red Cross Open House – Not a Hamfest)
6. October 5: TARA Swapfest (Payson)
7. October 5: RST Fall Hamfest (Tucson)

**Date and Time of Next Meeting: ARCA Annual Meeting:** July 20, 2024, 11:00 AM at the Flagstaff Hamfest

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Rick/W7STS. All in favor. None opposed.

**11:38 PM Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED  
ARCA Secretary

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## Attendance Report

### March 30, 2024

#### In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	ARCA Chair
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	ARCA	ARCA 1st Vice-Chair
Tom Cloonan	NL7FQ	ARCA	ARCA 2nd Vice-Chair
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	ARCA Secretary
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA	ARCA Past Chair
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	President/Delegate
Brandon McWhorter	KN6SEU	TBARC	President
James Wasson	N7ELL	SARC	President
Janice Enloe	KI6WCK	CARC	President
Steve Wood	W1SR	OVARC	President
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC	Delegate
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Patrick Baldwin	KI4NSP	ARA	Delegate
Rick Aldom	W7STS	SARC	Delegate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL	Delegate
Charles Whitlach	WV7F	AMSO	Delegate
David Nolan	K0NNN	CHRC	Delegate
Matt Fiscus	KK7MNZ	CHRC	Alternate
Reinhard Geissler	K7RGG	CADXA	Alternate
Tom Goforth	WY7TG	AMSO	Alternate
Dave Kaczorowski	K7DMK	SARBA	Alternate
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN	Delegate
Lance Halle	KW7LH	AZ FreqCoord	Visitor
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	AZ FreqCoord	Visitor
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL	Visitor
Mike Childers	K7URK	MARCA	Visitor
Joel Wilhite	KD6W	CARBA	Visitor

Ron Peters	WB9EXL		Visitor
Mike Storke	N7MSD		Visitor
Ray Kolman	KI7COM	YARC	President

**Online Attendees**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor</b>
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	Treasurer
Hanna Nkulu	KK7EKD	K7UAZ	President
Clayton Jacobs	KJ6QJS	ANSR	Delegate/President
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate
Timothy Adams	N6DLC	SMARC	Delegate
Dick Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
Rick Rogers	K7RCR	GVARC	Delegate
Pat Marcy	W7PZ	LBARA	Delegate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS	Delegate
Ken Held	W7SS	NADXA	Delegate
Avery Davis	WB4RTP	CRC	Delegate
Jeff Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	Alternate
Martin Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Alternate
Forrest Phillips	KJ7YYI	GC RACES	Alternate

29 In-Person  
 14 On-Line  
 43 Total