



## ARCA Annual Meeting Minutes Flagstaff Hamfest July 20, 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, and on-line attendees were recorded in the Zoom call. A total of 51 people 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 the Northern Arizona DX Association for putting on the hamfest and gave special thanks to all who are attending today. He also thanked the Scouts for helping with the gate and the food concession. Finally, he reminded members that if they are planning a hamfest for next year to reach out to us as soon as possible. ARCA will attempt to coordinate dates so that we don't have two hamfests on the same day as we have this fall. He asked attendees to ensure they had signed in on the sheet near the door and requested that folks attending online clearly identify their call, what club they are representing and whether they are the club's delegate or alternate.

**First Vice-Chair's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV:** Ray was on vacation in Thailand with his family so no report was given.

**Second Vice-Chair's Report, Tom Cloonan/NL7FQ:** Tom stated that he has enjoyed serving as the second vice chair for the past two years. Charlie/N2TFS thanked him for his service as Tom has chosen not to run for another board position, and thanked Ray/K7RMV and Lee/K7OED for their service as they have also elected not to run for other board positions.

**Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse/K7OED:** Lee stated that the draft minutes from the March meeting at the DeVry Hamfest had been emailed and also posted to the drop box. He noted that there is one correction for a gentleman from Yuma who attended but had not signed the attendance roster, but we had confirmed separately that he had attended. Lee stated that it is important to sign in because as the old saying goes "If it isn't written down it never happened." He then asked for any other required additions or corrections. None were noted by the attendees. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Walt/NJ8G to approve the minutes as amended. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL:** Chris reported that the checking account balance as of July 11<sup>th</sup> is \$25,835.09. Disbursals since March totaled \$7,292.22 which includes \$5,427.90 for license plate distribution to member clubs, \$1,011.00 for liability insurance, \$199.95 for Zoom subscription and Mobile Beacon Hotspot, and other fees for postage, domain name renewal, repeater coordination software, corporation commission fees trailer supplies and ham of the year plaques. The PayPal account balance remains at \$2,706.69. The grant fund

balance was \$19,081.35 and the scholarship fund was \$9,629.25. We have no liabilities so our current equity is \$58,978.77, but the award of scholarships later today will impact that balance. Chris also provided an overview of the history of scholarship and grant programs. We have given \$24,106.90 in grants and \$43,610 in scholarships since 1997. A detailed breakdown of this information was provided to members in the Dropbox along with the other documents for this meeting. Finally, she reported that there are eleven (11) license plate funding checks outstanding that were mailed in May – if the checks are not cashed by November, they will expire so please either cash them or return them if your club doesn't want the funds. Jeff/K2VNT noted that we may be able to earn more interest income if we moved some of the funding to a different investment account. Motion from Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Patrick/KI4NSF to accept the report as delivered. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Past Chair's Report, Steve Miller/W6SDM:** Steve stated he had nothing to report at this time but will have more to say later during the meeting.

**Frequency Coordinator's Committee Report:** Matt/N7OEI gave the report. He stated that repeater owners meeting was successful today without any major issues identified. He requested that all repeater owners resubmit their coordination paperwork at least every five years (preferably every two years) to ensure that we have current contact information and email addresses for the owner. If a repeater goes more than 5 years without being re-coordinated the repeater is at risk of losing its coordinated status. Finally, he reported that Lance/KW7LH was also given a vote of confidence to remain as chair for another year. Charlie/N2TFS thanked the coordinators for their volunteer service and stated that you can always reach out to them through the link on the ARCA website.

**Old Business:** None not already addressed.

**New Business:**

**Scholarships:** Chris/N7PVL stated that per long-standing precedent we try to award two scholarships each year provided there are qualified applicants. We did have two highly qualified applicants this year, so Sarah Li/K7SLI and Tiana Molina/WB7TIA will both receive \$5,000 scholarships. Both are students at the University of Arizona and members of the K7UAZ Club. The membership extended virtual congratulations to both students who were attending via Zoom, and their checks will be presented to them at the September K7UAZ club meeting. Charlie/N2TFS also thanked everyone who has Arizona Amateur Radio license plates because that fee funds our scholarships and other ARCA activities.

**Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year Awards:** Steve/W6SDM noted that ARCA is proud to have a long tradition of recognizing the efforts of both youth and adult hams for their contributions to the amateur radio avocation.

Evan Silhanek/KK7MGL from the Central Arizona DX Association was awarded the ARCA Young Ham of the Year award. Evan was not present at the meeting, but the award was accepted on his behalf by his father Virgil/K7VZ, and subsequently presented to Evan at the August CADXA meeting.

This year we had six nominations for Ham of the Year and each one of them were more than worthy of the award. This year's winner was Frank Bender/K8FB of the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. Frank was not present at the meeting, but the award was accepted on behalf his by YARC President Ray Kolman/KD7RK and subsequently presented to Frank at the YARC meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The other deserving nominees were Rod Fritz/WB9KMO, Mike Hanks/W7QS, Sara Li/K7SLI, Sue Rogers/W7SKH and Virgil Silhanek/K7VZ. ARCA will send each of them a certificate of achievement in their honor.

**Frequency Coordination Software:** Dave/N7ZPY moved that ARCA allot funds up to but not to exceed \$3,000.00 to acquire RF propagation and prediction software to better able the coordinator to improve their ability to provide more timely and accurate frequency coordination of repeaters. The motion was seconded online by Charles/W7VF. There was a question from the floor whether this would be an annual fee for the license. Charlie/N2TFS noted that during the repeater owners meeting it was noted that the folks in Northern California are using software that cost only about \$1,000.00 for a perpetual license for one seat, but this is only one of several options under consideration. After a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**ARRL Report:** Arizona Section Manager Rick Paquette/W7RAP reported that he is strongly committed to restarting the Yuma Hamfest February 20-22, 2025, with the support of ARRL Southwest Division Director Dick Norton/N6AA. The fairgrounds have already been reserved for the next three years; the first year will still be in the old building, but a new building will be available in 2026 and beyond. Gordon West/WB6NOA has committed to being the master of ceremonies and Rick said a website will be up and running soon. He requested that if anyone wants to help get the event going to please get in touch with him. Charlie/N2TFS noted that running a hamfest isn't a simple affair, so please help out in whatever way you can.

Rick also reported that the ARRL Website (to include Logbook of the World) is back up and running with a few minor files that are still being reconstituted. The league did have to pay the \$1M ransomware fee, but all the costs are covered by the league's insurance policy, and the FBI is still investigating the incident.

**ARCA Board Elections:** Charlie/N2TFS noted that after soliciting candidates from the club the board had completed a list of nominated candidates for each of the open positions. He also reminded delegates and alternates that each club can only cast one vote. The slate of candidates for 2025 was as follows:

Chair: Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair: David Bjorgaard/K7ACE and Rick Aldom/W7STS

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair: Patrick Baldwin/KI4SNF and Brian McCarthy/AK7F

Secretary: Janice Enloe/KI6WCK

The ARCA Constitution doesn't specifically address a process for taking nominations from the floor, but Article Three Section 5 states "...if no Delegate/Alternate candidate exists for an office, nominations from affiliated Clubs will be accepted if no Delegate/Alternate candidate exists for an office." A nomination from the floor was submitted for James Wasson/N7ELL for the Chair position, but because there was already an existing nomination on the previously published slate, the nomination could not be considered. Additionally, James was not either a Delegate or Alternate at the time of the meeting. The board apologized for the confusion on this matter as clubs had been told that nominations would be taken from the floor but had not clarified the restriction from the bylaws. James was encouraged to run again next year as Charlie/N2TFS will be term limited as the Chair.

Lee/K7OED moved to close the nominations for the chair's position. It was seconded by Dave/N7ZPY. Motion carried. Charlie/N2TFS then was elected by acclamation. He then asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for the Secretary's position. There were none, and Janice/KI6WCK was elected by acclamation. He then conducted a roll call vote for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair positions. After a bit of initial confusion on the tally, it was determined that Rick/W7STS was the winner for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair position and Brian/AK7F was the winner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair position. On behalf of all of the ARCA member clubs, Charlie/N2TFS then thanked the newly elected board members for their willingness to serve.

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

September 7: Rim Country Hamfest (Overgaard)

September 14: White Mountain Hamfest (Show Low)

September 14: **ARCA Fall Meeting \***  
Phoenix Red Cross Building, 4747 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

October 5: TARA Swapfest (Payson)

October 5: RST Fall Hamfest (Tucson)

November 2: HARKfest (Wickenburg)

November 9: Tucson Hamfest (Oro Valley)

December 7: **Superstition Superfest (Mesa) \***

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** September 14, 2024, 11:00 AM at the Phoenix Red Cross Office:  
4747 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

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

**12:14 PM Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED

ARCA Outgoing Secretary

# ARCA Meeting

## Attendance Report

### July 20, 2024

#### In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	ARCA Chair
Tom Cloonan	NL7FQ	ARCA	ARCA 2nd Vice-Chair
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	ARCA Secretary
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA	ARCA Past Chair
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	ARCA Treasurer
Brandon McWhorter	KN6SEU	TBARC	President
James Wasson	N7ELL	SARC	President
Janice Enloe	KI6WCK	CARC	President/Alternate
Ray Kolman	KD7RK	YARC	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
Mark Steel	KI7RB	ARCC	Delegate
Rick Lovdahl	KJ7ROX	TARA	President/Delegate
Sue Rogers	W7SKG	Sunlife	Delegate
Chuck Rogers	W7CBR	Sunlife	Alternate
Tom Goforth	WY7TG	AMSO	Alternate
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN	Delegate
Mike Boger	W7IJ	AZ Sunbums	President
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	TBARC	Alternate
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate
Forrest Phillips	KJ7YYI	GC RACES	Alternate
David Bjorgaard	K7ACE	RST	Delegate
Mike Hanks	W7QS	NADXA	President/Alternate
Randy Gault	KJ7RCN	AARC	Alternate
Matt Lunati	N7OEI	ARCA Freq	440 Coordinator

Tom Ramus	WB7OUT	OFARC	Visitor
Rex Mauldin	N7NGM	YARC	Visitor
Bob Wertz	NF7E	NADXA	Visitor
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	ARRL	Visitor
John Gessel	KB7JJG	YARC	Visitor
Virgil Silhanek	K7VZ	CADXA	Visitor
Steve Wagner	W7WHB	Sunlife	Visitor
John Calkins	KK7MTH	CHRC	Visitor
Paul Rosevear	???	???	Visitor

### On-Line Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Dick Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
Doug Shough	KC7LIN	CARA	Delegate
Steve Wood	W1SR	OVARC	Delegate
Jeff Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	Alternate
Gene Short	N8ELA	GVARC	Alternate
Charles Whitlach	WV7F	AMSO	Delegate
Martin Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Alternate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS	Delegate
Don Sears	N7PLL	VVARC	Delegate
Dave Kaczorowski	K7DMK	SARBA	Alternate
Tia Molina	WB7TIA	K7UAZ UofA	Visitor
Sarah Li	K7SLI	K7UAZ UofA	Alternate
Chris Buchanon	N7JND	AZSunBums	Alternate
Avery Davis	WB4RTP	CRC	Delegate

37 In-Person

14 On-Line

51 Total