



ARCA Meeting Minutes American Red Cross, Phoenix September 14, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS at 11:03 AM. A sign-in sheet was circulated for in-person attendees, and on-line attendees were recorded in the ZOOM call. A total of 35 people attended either in-person or via ZOOM representing 25 different Arizona member amateur clubs and the ARCA staff.

Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS: Charlie thanked the Red Cross for the use of the meeting room today and those that arrived in advance to set up the room for this meeting. There will be lunch and tours of the facility following the meeting including a tour of the radio room. Summer has been busy with training in NM with wildfires, and open shelters in AZ.

Charlie welcomed the new board that was elected at the Flagstaff Hamfest July 20, 2024; this is the first meeting with the new board. Charlie introduced the new board members and thanked previous board members for their service. Thanked Christine Kesauer/N&PVL/POC for continuing as treasurer and meeting recorder.

Gary Keck/KE7DX who served as ARCA Secretary for 2 years, 2019-2021 is now Silent Key. A moment of silence was observed in honor of his passing. Memorial Service details presented with brief life history. His Memorial Service is Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00PM at the Rose Canyon Campground on Mount Lemmon Highway.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Rick Aldom/W7STS: Rick reviewed upcoming hamfests and advised the group the list is available on the ARCA website. The status of Yuma Hamfest is unknown at this time. The event is being driven by ARRL SW Division Director Dick Norton/N6AA and AZ Section Manager Rick Pacquette/W7RAP. Tentative dates are February 23-24, 2025 but may go back to second weekend but that would conflict with West Valley Hamfest. Rick reminded the group that an application for a hamfest must be submitted to ARCA if hamfest is to be sponsored by ARCA. Charlie stated he will be meeting with Rick Pacquette next week at the Albuquerque hamfest to discuss Yuma Hamfest. The reason for moving it to the second weekend is to allow for travel by attendees over President's Day weekend as it is an extended weekend.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Brian McCarthy/AK7F: Brian is organizing, inventorying, and documenting all of the ARCA assets including the trailer and its contents and the AV equipment. He requested anyone that has recommendations for additional equipment to please email him.

Secretary's Report, Janice Enloe/KI6WCK: Janice presented a correction to the July 20, 2024 minutes was needed. The Ham of the Year, recorded as K7FB was corrected to call sign is K8FB. Walt Reinart/ NJ8G, moved to accept the correction and accept the minutes as amended; it was seconded by Patrick Baldwin/KI4NSF. There was no further discussion. Secretary called for a vote. Motion carried by unanimous vote with no abstentions.

Past Chair's Report/Lee Ilse/K7OED: He stated he has nothing specific at this time but will have something later in the meeting. He also requested introductions of those in attendance as there were new members attending today. Members were reminded to sign in on the attendance sheet. Chris/N7PVL recorded those in attendance online today.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer/N7PVL:

Operating account initial balance of \$25,835.09 as of 11 July 2024. Income of \$9,000 transferred from Scholarship fund and expenses of \$10,199.40 for Officer Shirts (\$90.61), Repeater Coordination Software renewal (\$108.59), and Scholarship Awards (\$10,000) leaving remaining balance of \$24,635.69 on 11 September 2024.

Paypal Cash flow report: no change as there was no income and no expenses. Balance \$2706.69 pulls forward from 11 July 2024 to 11 September 2024.

Grant Fund initial balance \$19,081.35. Interest income of \$0.32, no expenses. Balance of \$19,081.67 for 11 September 2024.

Scholarship Fund report: Initial balance of \$9,629.25. Accrued interest of \$0.15, expense of \$9,000 transferred to checking account for two scholarship awards. Remaining balance of \$629.40 as of 11 September 2024. Corporate Account: Assets \$48,780.72, no liabilities, equity \$48,780.72 with total equity and liabilities \$48,780.72.

Corporate Annual Cash Flow Report: Income \$23,154.22, expenses \$19,798.62 with increase of \$3,355.60 for 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.

Corporate Annual Balance Sheet: Assets \$48,780.72, Liabilities \$0.00, equity \$48,780.72 for total equity and liabilities \$48,780.72.

Motion to accept as presented by Rick Rogers/K7RCR, seconded by Gary Hamman/K7GH. Vote, all in favor of accepting. Motion passed without further discussion.

Chris/N7PVL POC reviewed four outstanding checks from License Plate fund sharing program. Chris reviewed those with outstanding checks and asked the clubs to deposit the checks soon.

Frequency Coordinator's Committee Report, Dave Hall/N7ZPY (online):

Background information not covered during meeting but added to clarify the discussion.

The Frequency Coordination Committee has been looking for new software. The 440 data base has not been updated in over a year. The other band's data is up to date. Repeater owners and operators are reminded to report non-working or non-existing repeaters to the committee so the repeater frequency pairs can be reassigned to another owner/operator.

Dave Hall/N7ZPY was asked to update the group on the progress of finding new software. Dave Hall/N7ZPY stated, "It is in Matt's in basket and we are working on it".

Old Business:

Ham of the Year Awards: Frank Bender/K8FB, recipient of the Ham of the Year Award, was unable to attend the Flagstaff Hamfest in July. Lee Ilse attended the Yavapai ARC club meeting and presented the Ham of the Year Award to him there. Evan Silhanek/KK7MGL was also unable to attend the Flagstaff Hamfest in July. He was presented the Young Ham of the Year Award at the Central DX Association Meeting.

Scholarship Award Presentations: Lee Ilse/K7EOD presented the \$5,000 scholarship awards and certificates to Sarah Li/K7SLI and Tiana Molina/WB7TIA during the K7UAZ University of Arizona ARC meeting.

Trailer and Audiovisual Equipment: This equipment is currently stored at Frank Engstrom/KB7IQ's QTH, but will be moving to Second Vice-Chair, Brian McCarthy/AK7F's QTH. The trailer is available for use by clubs for hamfests and other activities. The borrowing club is responsible to move the trailer to and from the desired location. This requires a half-ton pickup or similar vehicle with an electronic brake controller. The request for use form/user agreement is currently being updated and will be available on the ARCA website when completed.

Cochise ARA Grant Update: Martin Nau/W5MHN. Thanked ARCA for the \$3,000 grant to combine with \$3,037 club fund for total of \$6,037 for purchase of new CommScope DB224 antenna and set of duplexers for 147.020 repeater located on Mule Mountain near Bisbee, AZ which supports Search and Rescue operations and local community events. Antenna will be installed following coordination with other antenna owners on the same tower.

New Business:

Yuma Hamfest 2025: Charlie will be meeting with Rick next week to discuss the prospect of a Yuma Hamfest for 2025. Please see the 1st-Vice Chair's comments.

Rick Rogers/K7RCR: Green Valley has lost their repeater site due to sale of the site. Repeater has been moved to a club member's home resulting in some issues with access and coverage. Availability is hit and miss, Winlink node and Echolink node may not be available in the near future. They are looking for a new mountain top site but are not hopeful this will happen. New coordination is needed with the Frequency Coordination Committee for the change of location. Rick will look into that aspect of the move. Fee to stay in current location was \$500 per month. Suggestions were made by Rick Aldom/W7STS to present a request to the local mine operators with emphasis on increased safety and emergency communications for the mine and local area.

Tom, last name and call sign not given, is associated with The Arizona 900 Network. The network is a 900 Mhz Amateur Radio Linked Repeater system operating 36 linked sites over 14 frequencies connected by the All-Star system. The FCC has requested comments regarding the Nexvav request to take 900 MHz frequencies from HAM use for commercial operations. He asked if ARCA would be willing to submit a comment letter to FCC in support of retaining 900MHz band for HAM use. Charlie agreed that ARCA could provide a letter but asked Tom to write the letter and submit to ARCA for signature so the letter will be directed to the issue at hand.

Recap of Hamfest Calendar:

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: December 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Superstition Hamfest, Mesa.

Motion to Adjourn: Dave Hall/N7ZPY seconded by Patrick Baldwin/KI4NSP. All in favor, none opposed.

11:51 AM, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Enloe/KI6WCK
ARCA Secretary

**ARCA Meeting
Attendance Report
September 14, 2024**

In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	DEL – Alt – Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	Chair
Rick Aldom	W7STS	ARCA	First Vice-Chair
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARCA	Second Vice-Chair
Janice Enloe	KI6WCK	ARCA	Secretary
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Past Chair
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	President, delegate
Rick Rogers	K7RCR	GVARC	Delegate
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC	Delegate
Charles Whitlatch	W7VF	AMO	Delegate
Brandon McWhorter	KN6SEU	TBARC	President
Douglas Besemer	K0VPL	ARCCC	Alternate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL	Delegate
Patrick Baldwin	KI4NSR	ARA	Delegate
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN-AZ	Delegate
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA	Delegate
Robert Paul	WB6KGG		Visitor
Michael Drapkin	WB2SEF	ARA	Visitor
Dick Pache	K2LCT	SUNLIFE	Visitor
Dennis Bietry	KE7EJF	ARA	President
Jim Niblack	No Call		Visitor

On-line Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	DEL – Alt – Officer - Visitor
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	POC/Treasurer
Ryan Adney	WA7TA	AHSARC	Delegate
Avery Davis	WB4RTP	CRC	Delegate
Jeff Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	Alternate
David Nolan	K0NNN	CHRC	Delegate
Martin Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Alternate
Kenneth Held	W7SS	CARC	Delegate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS	Delegate
Woody Phillips	KJ7YYI	GEMCOM	Alternate
George Cameron	N7GRC	HARK	Delegate
Sarah Li	K7SLI	K7UAZ ARC	Alternate
Pat Marcy	W7PZ	LBARA	Delegate
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Steven Wood	W1SR	OVARC	Delegate
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate

Attendance:

In-Person 20

On-line 15

Total Attendance: 35