

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club 7/11/2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Janice Enloe at her home in Flagstaff. The following members were present in person:

Janice Enloe, President	KI6WCK
Morgan Conklin, Vice President	KI7WTS
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Al Simmons	AB6VO

In addition, the following members attended via Zoom teleconferencing:

John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
Lou Arminio	W7KFT
Mark Christian	WB8VWC
Dan Shearer	N7YIQ
Glen Davis	KG7YDJ
Kevin Rogers	WA7GGB

President's Message: Janice reported that she was pleased with club participation in all three June events. We had sufficient coverage for a successful Sacred Mountain Prayer Run on June 1. We met several hams at the June 9 POTA at Riordan Mansion State Historic Park. We were able to continue operations through the night for Field Day on June 22-23 at Ft. Tuthill County Park. We will be looking for a different venue for Field Day next year.

Vice President's Message: Morgan reported that he has signed up Summits on the Air and plans to activate some locations close to home in the near future.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for both the May 9 meeting and the June 13 meeting were previously distributed via the email list and were discussed briefly. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept both sets of minutes by Morgan KI7WTS, seconded by Al AB6VO. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ken W7SS presented the Treasurer's report for May. Starting balance for the month was \$6531.02. We took in \$30 for family dues, leaving a month ending balance of \$6561.02. We have 45 paid members and 2 life members for a total of \$7. Motion to accept made by Joe W7LUX and seconded by John N7MLS. Passed unanimously.

Old Business-

Trailer update: The club trailer is ready to use. Phil had provided some usage questions.

1. Who can sign up to use the trailer?
 - Any club members. Need to sign up on calendar
 - Ken to confirm membership, Morgan to confirm calendar entry

- Members requesting to use the trailer must email notice in advance for the calendar and for requests for towing assistance
2. Does our CARC liability and property insurance cover the activity?
 - Janice thinks it does if the use is an official club function - unsure about a CARC member using the trailer for personal reasons.
 3. Who approves the use? An officer? Club membership?
 - Ken, Morgan, and Janice can approve usage
 4. Who inspects the trailer for damage or missing items upon return?
 - Since the trailer is stored at Janice's home, she will inspect the trailer upon return.

Janice will ask Bobbi to draft a usage agreement form for review and acceptance at our next meeting.

Field Day Recap: The 2024 Field Day event was held at Ft Tuthill, Posse Ramada, June 22-23. It was determined that Posse Ramada was not a good venue. There was no foot traffic or public visibility. There was considerable discussion regarding better venue possibilities for next year. Janice will make sure we get our \$100 deposit back from Ft. Tuthill.

13 Colonies Event: At least 5 members participated in the quest to contact amateur radio stations in each of the original 13 colonies plus some additional special stations. Janice and Mark both contacted all 13 colonies. CW prevailed when conditions were most difficult! We were reminded that events like this are good practice and exercise for potential emergency communications needs, and the hours invested count for ARES training.

Club Call Sign Update: Erv is working to obtain N7FLG for the club

Upcoming Events

CARC/NADXA joint campout: August 23-25 @ Ash Hurst Lake Dispersed camping loop 2. Lou is the primary organizer on behalf of both clubs, coordinating with Janice. Fox Hunt event on August 24 will be conducted by Morgan. Potluck dinner- RSVP

Parks on the Air at Sunset Crater: Peter is leading, and has permission from the park ranger. Event is scheduled for October 19 to coincide with a nationwide POTA event.

NADXA Flagstaff Hamfest July 20 : Sponsored by The Amateur Radio Council of Arizona. Janice will be assisting as ticket taker.

Stagecoach 100 Sept 21-22: This is a long distance run from Flagstaff to Tusayan. Our primary responsibility is to track runners, especially through the night hours.

Staffing for stations:

Boundary - Bill and Julie Smith

Cedar Ranch - Phil & Bobbi

Hull Cabin - Bob and Geri

Russell Tank - Morgan

Watson Tank - Sean Feilding and Alex

Additional assistance would be appreciated. Contact Janice if you can help.

North Rim Ramble September 28/29: Bill Smith organizing. Includes both a bike race and a foot race, plus a POTA activation on Monday.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Half Marathon August 10: Same area as the Prayer Run. Let Joe know if you can support. There are 6 locations to staff and we only have 3 volunteers so far. This would be a good opportunity for a new person to get familiar with supporting events.

Summer BBQ: Will be included with the Ash Hurst camping event

ARES Report: Joe reported that ARES members contributed about 250 hours of service last month. These public service events provide great training opportunities for ARES volunteers.

Discussion/open forum: Glen thanked others for taking over net control duties while he has been unable to do so. Joe asked if anyone has interest in building things, such as electronic kits. Dan mentioned that eBay and Amazon both have some great kits available.

Adjournment: Dan N7YIQ made a motion to adjourn. Joe W7LUX seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Nelson – N7MLS
Secretary