

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club 9/12/2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm 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
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
Lou Arminio	W7KFT

In addition, the following members attended via Zoom teleconferencing:

John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Al Simmons	AB6VO

President's Message: Janice welcomed everyone. She stated that she hopes the trailer will be completed very soon.

Vice President's Message: Morgan reported that he will be participating in the upcoming FACTS Fair at Bushmaster Park. He will take club bookmarks and business cards, and set up the CW demo.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the August 8 meeting were previously distributed via the email list and were discussed briefly. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept as written by Lou W7KFT, seconded by Al AB6VO. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ken W7SS presented the Treasurer's report for August. Starting balance for the month was \$6557.28. We expended \$100.66 for insurance, leaving a month ending balance of \$6456.62. We have 46 paid members and 2 life members for a total of 48. Motion to accept made by Morgan KI7WTS and seconded by Joe W7LUX. Passed unanimously.

Old Business-

Trailer update: Janice reported that the trailer has been refitted for single person or small group use, such as for EmComm or POTA. There are now 3 easily deployed antennas plus a 5-1/2 foot ladder. The big heavy Field Day equipment has been stored in the CARC shed. Al, Morgan or Janice can transport the trailer to a deployment location as required.

Janice provided receipts for the trailer update expenses (\$995.31) and for food for club events (\$49.95). Ken W7SS made a motion to reimburse Janice for all of these expenses, and Lou W7KFT seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Half Marathon August 10: Thorpe Park, starting at 0730. Joe reported that the event was very successful. He thanked all 8 people who helped with support.

CARC/NADXA joint campout: August 23-25 @ Ash Hurst Lake. Dispersed camping loop 2. Lou reported that there were 6 campers, and 11 people in total. The consensus was that this was an enjoyable event that also served as valuable deployment training. There was some discussion on how best to prepare the generator for storage. It will probably store OK with Sta-Bil added to the gas tank.

Several people participated in the fox hunt that Morgan set up during the campout. It was a fun learning experience and another fox hunt will be planned in the future.

Upcoming Events

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. This may be our last year to support.

Staffing for stations:

- Boundary – Bob Buns
- Cedar Ranch – Bill and Steven Jones
- Hull Cabin - Bob and Geri
- Russell Tank - Morgan
- Watson Tank - Sean Feilding and Alex

Additional assistance would be appreciated. Contact Joe or 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.

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.

October: Soulstice Run: No plan to participate this year

November: Girls on the Run: Glen coordinating

Skywarn Recognition: December 7. Joe coordinating with National Weather Service. Anyone interested in staffing a ham station at the NWS should coordinate with Joe or Janice. Still awaiting government notice.

Holiday Party/Potluck: Planned for December 8, 11am-3pm at the fire station. **Note the new date!** Janice will prepare both turkey and a roast beef. NADXA club members are also invited.

ARES Report: Joe reported that ARES members contributed 162 hours of service last month. Activities included the BB/BS run, campout, POTA, and recurring nets. These public service events provide great training opportunities for ARES volunteers. Joe encouraged more participation in the

Wednesday evening ARES/weather net. 7pm on the Mt Elden repeater, 146.980. Additional net control operators are needed.

Discussion/open forum:

Joe provided a list of possible discussion topics that might be included in the Wednesday evening nets. Additional recommendations will be welcome.

John mentioned that further training and practice on digital modes could be useful. Perhaps a workshop can be scheduled during the winter months following the holidays.

Adjournment: Joe W7LUX made a motion to adjourn. Ken W7SS seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Nelson – N7MLS
Secretary