

## Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club 11/14/2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by President Janice Enloe via Zoom teleconferencing. The following members participated:

Janice Enloe, President	KI6WCK
Morgan Conklin, Vice President	KI7WTS
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Lou Arminio	W7KFT
Al Simmons	AB6VO
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Bob Buns	KK7RTH
Mark Christian	WB8VWC
Phil Brunner	AE7OH
Lee Phebus	KF7YRS
Woody Phillips	KJ7YYI

**Introductions:** Everyone knew each other, so no new introductions.

**President's Message:** The year is winding down, and we are looking ahead to plans for 2025.

**Vice President's Message:** Morgan had nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the October 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 Mark WB8VWC. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken W7SS presented the Treasurer's report for October. There was no income or expense so the beginning and ending balances were the same at \$5394.27. There are 46 paid members plus 2 life members for a total of 48. Motion to accept made by John N7MLS and seconded by Al AB6VO. Passed unanimously.

### Old Business-

**Munds Park POTA:** Al reported that Janice towed the trailer to the site and set up the antennas. The activity qualified for the POTA. A new ham, Tom, was a participant. It was a fun and safe event.

**AZ QSO Party:** Ken reported that he operated for 6 or 7 hours, working mostly 20 meters. He added New Mexico for 20m WAS! John reported that he made a few contest contacts as well.

## New Business

**Emergency Management Request-** County Emergency Management has requested assistance with a HAM radio station at Vermillion Cliffs for County Supervisor Lina Fowler. Mark Christian reported that he is coordinating with Emergency Management. There is great difficulty in finding anyone interested in becoming a licensed operator. Mark is looking at equipment and infrastructure options, and will make a trip to the area to assess the situation. It may be possible to use a federal facility.

**EOC activation drill** – Mark reported that it has been a very long time since we did any kind of emergency communications drill in northern Arizona (Flagstaff, Page, Fredonia, Forest Lakes, and Vermillion Cliffs if available). Heavy RFI interference at the EOC continues to be a problem. Digital modes do not work there. Mark plans to coordinate with Coconino County Emergency Management and AZ DEMA. We may be able to use the club trailer to activate an area with no other amateur radio capability. Janice suggested that we could start detailed planning in January with a goal for accomplishing a drill in March.

**Trailer checkout procedure-** Janice and Phil are working on a plan and process. We would benefit from having a “trailer director.” Any volunteers?

## Upcoming Events

**Skywarn Recognition:** December 7. Joe and Mark coordinating with National Weather Service. Anyone interested in staffing a ham station at the NWS should coordinate with Joe or Janice. Still need to schedule a facility visit for planning.

**Holiday Party Dec. 8** - Highlands Fire Station, Mountaineer, Community Room. 10 AM set up, 11-3 food. Please RSVP with number attending and your side dish for 8 people. Janice will provide turkey, roast beef, gravy for both, horseradish sauce, English mustard.

**Winter Field Day:** January 25 & 26. Any volunteer to lead?

**ARES Report:** Joe reported that ARES members contributed 85 hours of service last month. During the election the state EOC was staffed in case of public unrest. We need more members to take the required ICS training courses. Janice suggested that the club could provide some incentive for people to take the courses. Dues paid for the year? Any other ideas?

**Adjournment:** Joe W7LUX made a motion to adjourn. Al AB6VO seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Following the meeting Lee Phebus did a presentation on mesh networks. Thank you Lee!

Respectfully Submitted

John Nelson – N7MLS  
Secretary