

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club

10/08/2020

Meeting called to order at 1903 hours on Zoom via a virtual environment by Pres Janice KI6WCK. [This was a meeting held in a virtual environment due to the COVID crisis.] Roll was obtained via a check-in while online. Introductions. 10 Attendees/Members.

President's Report: Intros - Janice - Hope all are happy and healthy. Janice stated that people should slow down due to the delay in Zoom so people can see what is going on.

Vice-President's Report: Phil Brunner quickly reported that MARS will be operating on 60 meters Channel 1 in exercises throughout the month. More in New business.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were sent out early in the day. If anyone had an issue about the minutes, they were to speak up. Phil AE7OH moved to accept Secretary's Report. Mike AG7XQ 2nd. Passed with no objection.

Treasurer's Report: Ken was not here tonight, but Janice had the report. We have a forward balance of \$3692.75. Dues income \$25. Current balance to \$3717.75. Currently 52 paid members and 3 life members - total 55 members. Motion to accept Glen KG7YDJ - 2nd Mike AG7XQ Passed.

Old Business:

Nothing stated as old business

New Business:

Event - Army - MARS - Phil

Per Phil, MARS will be operating on a schedule at 1200 every 3rd day. If possible, stations should use E-power if possible. No use of internet or telephones permitted for this exercise. Report Name/Location

Exercise- Arizona Shakeout - Joe

This Thursday the 15th starting at 1015 local. Community status reports are to be passed to net control. Simulated repeater loss will be tried. 146.98 Elden and 146.78 [Williams] Glen will be monitoring - Hourly reports to net control. Between 1700 and 1800 local - use of alt power. - Simplex after that. Not many agencies involved as this is mostly HAM. People will need to see if they can hit repeaters and use simplex to communicate.

Exercise Red Cross/WinLink - Joe

October thru November - WinLink a very useful tool for passing messages. It

depends on the internet for the most part. HF mostly - Mt Elden digital repeater 145.01 if HF is not usable.

News - Hurricane Delta - Joe

Joe sent out an email - Army /MARS available for Hurricane traffic on 60 meters. The hurricane is to hit Louisiana.

Classes - Technician - Glen

Glen is teaching classes via Zoom. Only 1 student is in the class.

License Exams

At Janice's house on the 17th. Only 3 people signed up currently.

Training - Ham Boot Camp - Glen

ARRL and local clubs are doing Ham Boot Camps. Subjects include Antennas, Digital Modes, Repeaters and HAM basics. Contact Glen if there is interest.

ARES - Joe W7LUX

Yavapai County has 4 tower trailers. There is a problem with the NADXA trailer and it takes quite a few people to set it up. No one knows who owns them, but they are available if we would like one of them. They are 30 foot crank up towers and only need 2 people to get them set up. Good for portable OPS in real or practice environments. We would need to do maintenance and upkeep on it if we decide to take one. Maybe we could get NADXA to work with us on this. Not sure if the County can assist with this.

Thanked Ron and Phil for working and Glen for volunteering for late hours although not needed.

Hurricane Laura

Joe noted half of all deaths due to carbon monoxide poisoning from generators.

Generators need to be checked and maintained and not used indoors.

Southwestern Communication Drill

Joe could hear them, but they could not hear him. A repeater problem was cause.

Elden Repeater Outage

Monitored 146.980 simplex. Repeaters repaired though we do not know the cause.

There will be a simulated emergency exercise in early October. Does anyone have suggestions?

50/50 - No drawing this month.

Anything Radio - Discussion

Joe - Satarn/MARS Sunday/Wednesday schedules - 1200 to 1230 -Every third day

Community status reports - No broadcasts at this time. Phil states to log in with

ARS/Ham calls - WWV has info - broadcast at 10 and 40 minutes past the hour.

Joe - Satarn training exercises - The net is Saturday morning and he relays - FLDIGI
- 10 am Saturday on 14.065

WinLink training is available - Contact Joe - Salvation Army will send out info
/messages for agencies.

Glen showed off an inexpensive radio that had DMR capabilities

Janice asked about CW code practice and many links were given.

AZ QSO party this Saturday - Also the fees for AZ HAM plates benefits ARAC and
other HAM organizations in the state. FCC proposed fee increases were discussed
including a \$50 fee for vanity calls.

Next meeting November 12 on Zoom

Mike moved to close the meeting - Joe 2nd. Passed without objection 2016

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Shearer - N7YIQ
Secretary