

## **Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club**

### **8/14/2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Provisional President Bill Smith. The meeting was conducted on Zoom. The following members participated:

Bill Smith, President	KQ1S
Morgan Conklin, Vice President	KI7WTS
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Julie Smith	KI7TNF
Al Simmons	AB6VO
Mark Christian	WB8VWC
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Jeff Thomson	KK7ZGY
Tom Whalen	KK7WAG
Phil Brunner	AE7OH
Steve Jones	AJ7AS

**Introductions:** Individual introductions were not necessary. The club welcomes new member David Brilliant, N8DAV, who was not in attendance.

**President's Message:** Bill reported that he received 8 survey responses. There were quite a few good ideas.

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

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the July meeting were previously distributed via the email list and were discussed briefly. There was one correction to the spelling of Jeff Thomson's name. Motion to accept as corrected by Mark and seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken presented the Treasurer's report for July. The beginning balance was \$5552.43. There was no income during the month. After expenses of \$319.87 for a new solar panel and portable toilet rental the ending balance was \$5232.56. We have 39 paid members plus 2 life members. Motion to accept by Joe, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business-**

**Trailer:** Al has the trailer at his property. He will clean and prepare it for future use. Members can contact Al to arrange use of the trailer.

**CARC Shed Relocation/Disposition:** Ken reported that the club items that were in the shed have been distributed among several members for storage. Mark has some coax, wire, and spools. Remaining items are either in the club trailer or at Ken's house. The tower trailer and 20m beam are

stored at Scott Martin's house. Further discussion is needed on the tower trailer safety issues and future disposition.

## **New Business-**

**Communications Exercise** – Mark is working with a small planning team for an ARES exercise this fall. The main objective will be to demonstrate HF and VHF capabilities and effective communication using standard forms ICS213, ICS 309, and the ARRL Radiogram. The exercise scenario will be a winter storm event. There is interest in incorporating GMRS communications into the exercise. The most likely schedule will be a 2-hour period during a weekday in October. It is recommended that the club conduct some training on the standard forms prior to the exercise.

**BBBS After Action Report** – Joe reported on the Big Brothers Big Sisters event. Our club provided excellent coverage and the overall event was very successful. This speaks well for the future of our club.

**Club at a Crossroad:** Bill continued the discussion on the future of the club by reviewing the results of the recent survey. Some of the key points made by the members:

- The main purposes of the club, per our constitution, are providing amateur radio support for public events and for emergency communications. Club members still support this focus.
- It is recommended to have some radio-oriented presentations at our meetings.
- The club remains committed to supporting the Sacred Mountain Prayer Run, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Field Day, and the Stagecoach 100. Other events can be added if a member is willing to take the lead.
- It is important for the club to very welcoming to new members.
- VHF/UHF activities focus mostly on serving others. HF activities are more about recreation and development for club members.
- The club may be able to proceed in the form of a more informal "association."

Bill took an action to arrange a meeting of the current officers to discuss next steps for the club.

**Call for Officer Candidates:** There is still no volunteer for club president. Jeff Thomson may be interested in the Vice President position in the future. Steve Jones is willing to help but feels that he is still too new to be an officer.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Stagecoach 100:** September 20-21, 2025. Joe reported now fully staffed.

**North Rim Ramble:** Cancelled.

**Skywarn Recognition Day:** December 6, 2025. Joe is awaiting information from National Weather Service.

**EOC Drill:** Fall, 2025. All club officers expressed support for another drill. Mark is preparing a training and exercise plan.

## **General events**

World Wide Digi DX Contest - August 30-31, 2025 - Contest Web Site

Route 66 On The Air - September 6-14, 2025

ARRL VHF Contest - September 13-14, 2025 - Contest Web Site

AZ QSO Party - October 11-12, 2025 (15:00 UTC - 05:00 UTC) - azqp.org

POTA Support Your Parks - October 18-19, 2025

**ARES Report:** Joe reported about 100 hours for July. The primary activities were the BBBS event and the weekly RACES net. The planned public service events and the upcoming ARES exercise all provide good training for emergency communications.

\*\* Note: Prospective ARES members need to complete the FEMA Independent Study courses IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 if they expect to be at the Coconino EOC.

The courses are available at <https://training.fema.gov/is/> (Just click on the Independent Study link)

**Adjournment:** Joe made a motion to adjourn. Ken seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
John Nelson – N7MLS, Secretary*