

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club

1/9/2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Janice Enloe at her home and via Zoom teleconferencing. The following members were present in person:

Janice Enloe, President	KI6WCK
Morgan Conklin, Vice President	KI7WTS
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Lou Arminio	W7KFT
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
John Crockett	KK7YAW
Tom Whalen	KK7WAG

The following members participated via Zoom:

Al Simmons	AB6VO
John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Bob Buns	KK7RTH
Mark Christian	WB8VWC
Woody Phillips	KJ7YYI
Glen Davis	KG7YDJ

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves. Welcome to our new members!

President's Message: We hope everyone had a good holiday. Now it's time to get back to ham radio!

Vice President's Message: Morgan is starting to plan for the STEM Fair in the spring. He is planning to include CW demonstrations and would welcome any additional ideas for activities.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the November meeting were previously distributed via the email list and were discussed briefly. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept as written by John N7MLS, seconded by Tom KK7WAG. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ken W7SS presented the Treasurer's report for both November and December. November beginning balance was \$5394.27. After \$50 income for dues and \$413.15 expense for a new laptop computer the November ending balance was \$5031.12. December income included \$310 for dues and a \$500 donation from Arizona Trail Association in recognition of club support for the Stagecoach 100 event. After \$407.35 in December expenses the end of year balance was \$5433.77. We have 48 paid members plus 2 life members. Motion to accept made by Morgan KI7WTS and seconded by Lou W7KFT. Passed unanimously.

Old Business-

Emergency Management Request- County Emergency Management has requested assistance with a HAM radio station at Vermillion Cliffs for County Supervisor Lena 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 quotes from HRO. He will consider infrastructure options after gathering some aerial photography, and then will make a trip to the area to assess the situation. It may be possible to use a federal facility. This activity will not require any club funding.

New Business

EOC activation drill – Mark and Joe, along with a few others, are planning an emergency communications drill in northern Arizona (Flagstaff, Page, Fredonia, Forest Lakes, and Vermillion Cliffs if available). March 12 has been chosen as the primary planning date, with March 19 as a backup schedule. Mark is coordinating with Coconino County Emergency Management and AZ DEMA. He is developing an Incident Action Plan and a Situation Manual. We may be able to use the club trailer to activate an area with no other amateur radio capability. The overall objective is to demonstrate amateur radio capabilities to communicate timely and accurate information in simulated “real time emergency” conditions, including the use of emergency power.

CARC Website Update – Lou has coordinated with Phil to migrate the domain name and website hosting to new locations under Lou’s control. Upgrades to website content are continuing and will include the new Trailer Use Agreement. Lou has asked club members to look through the website and give him any comments or corrections.

Field Day – Forest and park locations are likely to be closed due to fire danger in June, so we need a different location that has some amount of foot traffic. We should think of this event as “our open house for ham radio.” Al will check on the west side Home Depot parking lot as a possible location.

Upcoming Events

Winter Field Day: January 25 & 26. Any volunteer to lead? This is a good opportunity to exercise emergency communications under realistic, non-ideal conditions.

EOC Activation Drill: March 12, 0900 – 1100 MST.

Yuma Hamfest: February 14-15. Camping available but no electricity.

ARES Report: Joe reported that ARES members contributed approximately 80 hours of service last month. Most of our ARES activity is scheduled nets, public service events, and exercises. MARCA (Motorola Amateur Radio Club) reinstalled the Packet digital repeater on Mount Elden. The frequency is now 145.710 MHz (instead of the old 145.010), and the digital repeater call sign is now W7MOT-9. This frequency is widely used in the Phoenix area, so we can now connect to those stations.

Discussion / open forum: Al did some audio testing with his CW keyer in preparation for upcoming CW classes for the club. He will send out an email to assess interest and finalize the scheduling. Joe commented that Lee has provided some mesh system equipment for Flagstaff area experimentation. Anyone interested in participating should contact Joe.

Adjournment: Joe W7LUX made a motion to adjourn. Al AB6VO seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

2025 Calendar of Events- need a leader for each event

Campout- shared with NADXA? August 22-24, 2025

Winter Field Day- January 25 & 26, 2025 <https://winterfieldday.org/>

Summer Field Day- June 28 & 29, 2025

CW course- Al Simmons- ZOOM and on the air

Sacred Mtn Prayer Run (SMPR)- June 7, 2025

BB/BS Half Marathon- August 9, 2025

Stagecoach 100- September 20-21, 2025

North Rim Ramble (NRR)- September 27-28, 2025

SkyWarn Recognition Day- December 6, 2025

Riordan POTA- May 17, 2025 Janice

POTA

SOTA

AZ QSO Party- October 2025

Hidden Transmitter Hunt

13 Colonies- July 1-7, 2025- HF

ARES-EMCOMM activation

Holiday Party

STEM- Morgan- April 26, 2025 (?)

FACTS Fair- Morgan

ARES Net Control Organizer- recruit net control operators and make schedule for Wednesday night nets; net topics

Educational segment for monthly meetings- do you have a topic to present to the club? Examples- antenna dynamics, propagation, sun spots and propagation, what's on your workbench?, unusual contacts to name just a few.

POTA Events 2025:

- Winter Weekend: January 18-19, 2025
- Spring Weekend: April 19-20, 2025
- Summer Weekend: July 19-20, 2025
- Fall date not updated at this time

Respectfully Submitted

John Nelson – N7MLS

Secretary