

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club

7/10/2025

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, Provisional President	KQ1S
Janice Enloe, Outgoing President	KI6WCK
Morgan Conklin, Vice President	KI7WTS
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Al Simmons	AB6VO
Mark Christian	WB8VWC
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Jeff Thompson	KK7ZGY
Tom Whalen	KK7WAG
Bob Buns	KK7RTH
Phil Brunner	AE7OH

Introductions: Each participant introduced themselves

President's Message: Bill introduced himself and reported that he is willing to fill the vacant President position until December. This will allow the club to continue to support events. It will also give us an opportunity for members to determine the future of the club or to disband it in an orderly fashion.

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the June meeting were previously distributed via the email list and were discussed briefly. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept as written by Ken and seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ken presented the Treasurer's report for June. The beginning balance was \$5863.50. There was no income during the month. After expenses of \$311.14 for insurance and supplies the ending balance was \$5552.43. We have 39 paid members plus 2 life members. Motion to accept by Joe, seconded by Janice. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business-

Field Day – June 28. Al reported that the Field Day event was a success. The club operated Class 3A and made 242 contacts in 5-1/2 hours. The event also included some good contacts with the public.

Trailer: Ken reported that the trailer has received a new battery with new rooftop solar panel and charge controller. Al said the trailer station worked well on Field Day.

CARC Shed Relocation/Disposition: Ken reported that he was unable to gather a crew sufficient to disassemble, move, and reassemble the shed in a timely fashion. It will stay with Janice's property when her sale closes. All of the club items that were in the shed have been distributed among several members for storage.

Call for Volunteers: Bill introduced the need for club activity volunteers, to be discussed in detail along with the review of upcoming events.

New Business-

Club President – Janice has served as club president for the past 6 years and she is moving out of state. This creates a vacancy at the President position. Bill expressed the club's strong appreciation for all that Janice has done for the club during her presidency and he made a motion to name Janice as President Emeritus. The members all seconded together and then passed the motion unanimously.

No local club members stepped forward to assume the Presidency. Bill has offered to fill that role on an interim basis even though he now resides out of state. Janice made a motion to name Bill as Interim President for the remainder of 2025. Ken seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Joe pointed out that he also had received several member emails of support for this decision.

Club at a Crossroad: Bill initiated a discussion on the future of the club. Potential new direction? Potential dissolution? 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
- It has been difficult to get enough club volunteers to staff the scheduled public events. Life activities other than ham radio and the club seem to take priority for members.
- Events for club support should be vetted and prioritized by the club members to ensure that we can provide adequate staffing
- The number of active members may now be too few for the club to thrive
- It is important for the club to have in-person get-togethers if it continues
- We might consider merging with, or appending to, another club. However, it would be difficult to find another compatible club in the area.
- Some form of ARES organization may be able to step into the gap if the club disbands
- Even though the members present expressed hope that the club could continue we may be faced with the difficult decision disband it

Bill took an action to send out a survey to all club members for additional ideas and preferences for our way forward.

Upcoming Events

BBBS Half Marathon: August 9, 2025. Joe reported that he has 5 volunteers in place for this event and is good to go.

Stagecoach 100: September 20-21, 2025. No volunteers yet. Joe to provide Go/No Go decision by August 7.

North Rim Ramble: September 27-28, 2025. Bill has the lead, along with Joe. As a minimum we need to support Start/Finish and one midcourse station. It is a Go at this point.

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 will send out a notice in preparation for a training and exercise plan.

CW Course: Al reported that the 8-week course has been completed. There are no specific plans for another course.

General events

- AZ QSO Party - October 11-12, 2025 (15:00 UTC - 05:00 UTC) - azqp.org
- POTA Support Your Parks - docs.pota.app/docs/events.html
 - July 19-20, 2025
 - October 18-19, 2025(The link for the POTA site cannot be accessed directly from this document. Copy and paste the link into your browser)
- Route 66 On The Air – September 6-14, 2025

ARES Report: Joe reported 160 hours for June. The primary activities were the Sacred Mountain Prayer Run, Field Day, and the weekly RACES net.

**** 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: Al made a motion to adjourn. Ken seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next meeting will be held on Zoom at 6pm MST on August 14.

*Respectfully Submitted,
John Nelson – N7MLS, Secretary*