

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

### **10/09/2025**

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Provisional President Bill Smith. The business meeting was preceded by a technical presentation by Jeff Thomson that started at 6pm. The following members participated:

Bill Smith, President	KQ1S
Morgan Conklin, Vice President	KI7WTS
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Al Simmons	AB6VO
Mark Christian	WB8VWC
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Jeff Thomson	KK7ZGY
Phil Brunner	AE7OH
Dave Grauman (guest)	K7QOL

**Introductions:** Each participant introduced themselves and told something about their history with ham radio.

**President's Message:** Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting. The holidays are coming up but we still need to find time to be active on our radios.

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

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the September meeting were previously distributed via the email list and were discussed briefly. Al made a motion to accept as presented. Jeff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken presented the Treasurer's report for July. The beginning balance was \$5156.90. There was income of \$1.50 during the month. There were no expenses, leaving an ending balance of \$5158.40. We have 40 paid members plus 2 life members. Motion to accept by Joe, seconded by Jeff. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business-**

**Call for Officer Candidates:** John and Ken have agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Morgan has declined to continue as Vice President, but Jeff has agreed to serve in that office if elected. No candidate for President has been identified. There was some discussion about possibly merging with NADXA in order to share their officers, but the consensus was that a merger would not work well. John made a motion that we declare the office of President to be vacant until one can be identified, and continue forward with the remaining officers taking turns executing the essential

duties of a president such as leading club meetings. Joe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Communications Exercise** – Mark is working with a small planning team for an ARES exercise on October 28. The main objective will be to demonstrate HF and VHF capabilities and effective communication using standard forms ICS 213, ICS 309, and the ARRL Radiogram. The exercise scenario will be a winter storm event. Jeff has been added to the planning team and he will assist in incorporating GMRS communications into the exercise. Mark will be publishing the planning documents to the team for comment prior to release.

## **New Business-**

**Trailer Solar System Status:** Ken reported that the solar system has been fixed and is now operational.

**Stagecoach Event Debrief:** Joe gave a brief report on the recent Stagecoach 100 event. The club performed well and we received good feedback from the event coordinator. See Joe's email report for additional details.

**Zoom Subscription:** Bill has been conducting our Zoom meetings on his personal account. He made a motion that the treasurer purchase a club subscription after the first of the year for a cost not to exceed \$300. Vice President Jeff is to be the custodian. Joe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **CARC Events:**

*ARES Exercise - October 28, 2025 - WB8VWC*

*Skywarn Recognition Day (Tentative) - December 6, 2025 - W7LUX*

*Possible club participants are Joe, Al, Mark and Ken*

### **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*

*- 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)*

**ARES Report** – Joe reported 392 total hours for September, most of which was our support for the Stagecoach 100 event.

**\*\* 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)

### **Additional Discussion**

**Club Laptop** – Al reported that he has the club laptop and is willing to include one of his personal authorized copies of PC-Matic virus protection on that machine. Jeff made a motion to approve that approach. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Website, Membership, and Email** – John commented that he is uncertain about club assignments for website maintenance, email lists, membership, etc. He said he would put out an email to the officers and Phil (now doing website maintenance) to gather information and clarify duties.

**Next Regular Meeting** – Zoom meeting will be on November 13. Technical session at 6pm, business meeting at 7pm.

**Adjournment:** Joe made a motion to adjourn. Jeff seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at about 8pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
John Nelson – N7MLS, Secretary*