

(for Approval at 14 January 2021 meeting)

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club 12/10/2020

Meeting called to order at 1905 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. 13 Attendees/Members.

President's Report: Intros - Janice - Hope all are happy and healthy. Keep it safe - Stop the spread. No party on the 10th of December but we'll have a meeting. Janice reported that there will be a new meeting code next year for our online meetings. The cost for Zoom is still at \$150.

Vice-President's Report: Phil Brunner reported that he didn't have much to report. He does have a working radio now. The website and roster are updated. Newsletters are now available at the website. Meetings are marked as Zoom now.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were sent out prior to the meeting day. If anyone had an issue about the minutes, they were to speak up. Ken W7SS moved to accept Secretary's Report. Bill KQ1S 2nd. Passed with no objection.

Treasurer's Report: Ken stated we have a forward balance of \$3802.75. No income and no payments. Balance still at \$3802.75. Currently 57 paid members and 3 life members - total 60 members. Dues received but not deposited + clothing. Next month. Due to COVID - possible dues reduction or other possible actions. Discussion - nothing decided. Possible post-COVID party this Summer. Motion to accept Mike AG7XQ - 2nd Mark WB8VWC Motion passed.

Old Business:

Mike AG7XQ is working on a list of events that the club would normally support and he is checking to see what events are still happening next year. The club would vote on what events we would support and add them as agenda items for upcoming meetings - Mike states that many are still up in the air at the moment. Field Day is still undetermined as the ARRL hasn't made a decision yet.

Bob Meadowcroft still needs more net control people for Skywarn.

License exams will be on Jan 16th at Janice's house. Test takers need to bring their own table and supplies. Masks mandatory - Joe said he needs VEs.

New Business:

Saturday there is a RACES group in southern AZ. Don - KJ7JTT is running it - point of contact.

Mark WB8VWC - The EOC for the county and the club is now moved to the King Street location. The county is working on getting coax run to the roof for antennas. Handhelds will not be effective since the roof is metal. Options for HF antennas - dipoles / folded dipoles - wide band coverage is needed 40 and 80 meters - there will be no roof access once they are set up - We have lost access to the Gemini EOC. This EOC will be used by the City of Flagstaff. Our coax there will remain. Niles will install the new coax at the King Street location using a very high-grade material. Equipment will be installed and will be dependent on the County's budget. Our location is on the 2nd floor at Career Services side - Dipole per the membership but dependent on the budget. Discussion on if the solar panels would cause radio interference.

ARES

ARES report by Joe that there were 172 hours of participation last month. RACES Net every Sunday at 0730 - 0830 - 3.990 LSB. Lots of discussion about notices of comm exercise and announcements.

Open Discussion

Janice reported the trifecta for contacts in California was OK and they are still active as long as the weather stays warm.

Bill stated that Quartz (paused) will be Wednesday January 20th - there will be W5YI exams and ARRL exams 2 sessions there. They will be COVID friendly for this.

Yuma Hamfest has been cancelled - Winter Field Day is coming up on January 30/31.

Field Day status is still yet unknown.

50/50 - No drawing this month.

Next meeting December 10 on Zoom - No Party

Radio propagation discussion - Glen discussed Linux and the different version / software running under this OS. Raspberry Pi and other ways to run HAM software.

Bill KQ1S moved to close the meeting - Joe W7LUX 2nd. Passed without objection 1957

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Shearer - N7YIQ
Secretary

Projected membership from Treasurer: 61 members after all dues are paid.

Special Announcement!

The Northern Arizona DX Association will be having a special event.

ANNOUNCING A 10 YEAR AMATEUR RADIO SPECIAL EVENT

The Northern Arizona DX Association will be conducting a 10-year special event countdown to the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Pluto by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. This will be an annual 9 day event held each February through the 2030 anniversary with the inaugural event February 13-21,2021 (UTC).

Club members will be operating from Lowell Observatory and their home QTHs using the special event callsign **W7P**. Each year of the countdown will feature a new QSL card with subjects centered around either Clyde Tombaugh, his discovery, the moons of Pluto, some of his early telescopes, lenses used, etc., with lots of great information.

A beautiful color certificate suitable for framing, with endorsement stickers for each year worked during the event will be available.

Each year, Doug Tombaugh(N3PDT), Clyde Tombaugh's nephew, will be operating during the event as **W7P/O** and a contact with Doug or his team counts as an additional endorsement on the certificate.

Club members will be operating on as many bands and modes as time and conditions permit. The annual QSL cards, the event certificate, and more information about the event can be found on our club website at www.nadxa.com.

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Northern Arizona DX Association

Flagstaff, Arizona

During the event check out <https://dxheat.com/dxc/>. Enter **W6P** in the search box to see where we can be found.

If you hear us submit a DX spot to help others find us.

Thanks in advance for your help making this special event very spacial.

73s

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