



RCARC Minutes for
January 8, 2013

President Larry Heddings WD0CDG called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Those in attendance:

KB7OWE	Don Carter	KF7YWY	Cameron Abbaticchio	KF7WIY	Denice Sheffield
KF7GPZ	Fred Sheffield	AL7BX	George Gallis	N7SIY	Joel Clements
KB7UMU	Sylvia Clements	K7ZI	Dick Parker	N7BO	Russ Chaffee
W7KBM	Ken Oliver	KD7FGR	Merlin Gifford	NR7E	Jeff Pedersen
N7TCE	Merlin Mackay	N7KM	Ken Munford	KD7TTT	Terry Lee
KG6LFU	Jim Beal	N6OJS	Fred J Getman	KG7AHS	Travis Horton
K6QOG	Bill Stenger	KB7BGS	Stephen Judd	K7BTE	Bill Rankin
WA7HHE	Brad Biederman	KB7HHB	Mardie Biederman	WA7GTU	Don Blanchard
WA7VIN	Linda Blanchard	WD0CDG	Larry Heddings	WV7H	Ron Dalton

Susan Parker, Charles Lafoon, Cindy Lafoon and Joanne Gifford

Secretary Bill Stenger K6QOG asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Two were reported and corrected. A motioned was mad and seconded to accept the minutes. Vote: unanimous.

Treasurer Ken Oliver W7KBM reported \$550.00 in the bank at the beginning of the month. Merlin Mackay N7TCE, winner of December's drawing, paid the dues for several other members and donated the rest of the money back to the Club. Ken Oliver also donated his winning to the club.

Don Blanchard WA7GTU submitted a list of all hams in the area and asked to indicate permission to list call sign, name, address and email on his website. Don explained that the Utah VHF Society does provide equipment for many repeaters, including our club. Don suggested joining. Dues are \$12.00 a year and helps with all the projects. All repeaters are up and running. The future may hold in store some new 2 meter radios to replace the old GE Master twos with Motorola GDM 1550s. There is also the possibility that there will be a new computer for the IRLP system. If that happens, be prepared to find the repeater out of service until the replacement is complete.

Larry read a letter from Paulette Valentine inviting all amateurs to attend a special meeting to discuss Emergency Communications. The meeting will be Wednesday at 9 am held at the Iron County Health Department.

Larry also placed a sign-up sheet on the table requesting names of people who need help with setting up their radio stations and volunteers who can help.

He also mentioned that the 10 meter morning net has moved to 2 meters on a temporary basis. The reason is the net control can not hear or be heard by many stations in Cedar City.

Steve Judd KB7BGS has several CB antennas to give away. He also has a junk box, take what you need and donations are appreciated.

Ken Munford N7KM suggested eliminating cash prizes for the December drawing and offering some other prizes, such as a hats or shirts. A vote was taken to approve the suggestion. The vote was affirmative.

Next Meeting is February 12th - 7:30pm at the Visitor Center

Change of BYLAWS

Larry mentioned in the last revision of the Constitution and Bylaws the Emergency Coordinator shall be appointed by the President and report to the Vice-President. However, the Historian/Editor was overlooked. Therefore an amendment needs to be added to the Bylaws stating that the Historian/Editor shall be appointed by the President and report to the President. There were no objections. Vote was unanimous.

Larry asked for volunteers to bring treats for next month.

Since there were several new people, everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

Sylvia Clements KB7UMU took a breakfast count for January 12th club breakfast at the American Diner on South Main at 9 am.

PROGRAM

Ken Munford N7KM presented basic electronics that apply amateur radio power supplies and antennas. The presentation included diagram symbols, terminology and formulas. There was audience participation. The presentation concluded with demonstration and explanation of several antennas (J Pole) he built and brought to the meeting.

Dick Parker K7ZI showed a ground plane antenna made from coat hangers and explained how to build and how they work. Dick concluded with question and answer session. Dick offer a number of old QSTs free for the taking and has a 1989 ARRL Fieldbook for \$10.

Larry reminded everyone that dues are do, \$15.00 per individuals and \$20.00 for family. John Hunter has some 440 commercial Kenwood radios available for \$50.00.

Larry called for a motion to close the meeting. Jim Beal KG6LFU made a motion and Ken Oliver W7KBM seconded. Vote: unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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As mentioned in the minutes, the amendment to the BYLAWS reads with the addition of Article XI:

ARTICLE XI:

HISTORIAN/EDITOR

The Historian/Editor shall be appointed by the President and shall report directly to the President.

From ARRL weekly newsletter:

BSA to Offer Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip

01/18/2013

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has approved an Amateur Radio Operator rating strip for Scouts and Scouters to wear on their uniforms. According to BSA Communication Services Director Jim Wilson, K5ND, the strip recognizes the Scout or Scouter's availability as an Amateur Radio operator for communication services for events and activities, as well as emergencies. All registered youth members and adult leaders who also hold a valid FCC-issued Amateur Radio license of any class are eligible to wear the rating strip.

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