

Attendance: Dave Holman([AC7DS](#)), President

Diane Zimmerman ([AA3OF](#)), Vice President

Jeff Steinkamp ([N7YG](#)), Secretary

Don Ernle ([KD7UIZ](#)), Treasurer

Pink Foster ([K7ILA](#)), Board Member

Tony Montijo ([KC7JFC](#)), Board Member

Bruce Betterley ([WA1BZQ](#)), Board Member

Ted Willis([AA7HX](#)), Board Memembr

The board meeting for the Radio Society of Tucson as called to order by Mr. Holman, the president at 1713 hours on February 12, 2013 at the Golden Corral, 3329 E 22nd Street, Tucson AZ.

The Vice President, Ms. Zimmermann reported on the status of the ongoing inventory. She requires input from the General Membership on the whereabouts of any equipment that belongs to the club and it whereabouts.

The 448.325 Repeater is now operational and a memorandum of agreement has been signed between RST and the Corona De Tucson Fire Department. Jack will move the repeater from his location to the Fire Department location within the next week.

President Holmann briefed the board on a proposal from Henry Zappia ([N7HND](#)) and Jack Jarvis([KB7ZZY](#)) requesting that RST relinquish 2 unused repeater pairs to them and have RST be the repeater Sponsor. At this time the definition of Sponsor is undefined and an update from Mr. Zappia and Mr. Jarvis is required to define how RST will be a Sponsor. At this point if RST does not have operational repeaters for these pairs, those frequencies will have to be returned to ARCA. President Holman will follow-up with Mr. Zappia and Mr. Jarvis and report his findings at the next board meeting.

Technician and Upgrade class were brought up for discussion. There is a need, especially for the Boy Scouts and fire department personnel who have express and interest. Before an avenue for calls can be established, RST must secure a location and a time for these venues that will be suitable. Secretary Steinkamp will inquire about using classrooms at FlightSafety on the weekend.

Mount Lemmon repeaters require a batter backup system for the D-STARS stack so that minor power interruptions do not cause the CPUs to hang up and require an individual to make a trip to the mountain to rest them. A discussion continued about AGM Group 27 and AGM Group 31 batteries as the required battery. New units are \$270.00, but used units can be obtained for \$75.00. Mr. Betterley will obtain some used ones and test them. If the used batteries check out, then the club will purchase used.

DSTAR Issues: Battery Backup, Poly Phasors, and remote telemetry. RST is going to look into a group buy on Poly Phasors, more to follow. President Holman is looking into the DSTARs manuals to see what needs to be accomplished to establish remote telemetry to and from Mt. Lemon.

News Letter: Ms. Foster is working this issue and will begin after the hamfest in March. It will start with a quarterly issue, then if the need is there, possible progress to monthly issue.

Public Address and audio system: Secretary Steinkamp suggested the club purchase some type of sound system for use at meeting and hamfest. A budget of \$120 was approved.

With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1810 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff K. Steinkamp

Secretary.

The General membership meeting of the radio Society of Tucson called to order by Mr. Holmann, the president at 1713 hours on February 12, 2013 at the Golden Corral, 3329 E 22nd Street, Tucson AZ.

The evening's presentation was on High Frequency Digital Voice techniques by Matt Kent [NG2Q](#).

Facebook Announcement: RST has a Facebook page and all are welcome to subscribe. Upcoming events and informational notices will be posted as they become available.

Upcoming Events: 24 HOP will be held the weekend of 15 - 17 February 2013 and still seeking volunteers. Cochise County OP foot race will be held on 2 March 2013 and volunteers are sought for this event. A Digital Training Net will commence starting on Wednesday evening at 1900 on 145.60 using the MT63 Transmission Mode.

Board reports:

Secretary: Mr. Steinkamp said the minutes have been posted and asked for any additions or corrections. With none presented, the minutes for January 2013 were accepted without additions or corrections. The secretary will distribute a copy of the minutes for the previous month approximately 2 week prior to the coming meeting via and email to the list server.

Treasurer: Mr. Ernle announced 2013 Membership Dues are dues NLT March 15, 2013. Those who have not paid will be scrubbed from the rolls and removed from the list server. \$4000 in checking, \$236 in PayPal and \$256 in cash.

Vice President: Ms Zimmerman discussed the progress of the inventory and archiving of all documents in our possession.

President: Mr Holmann discussed ideas on moving forward with the club though 2013. He also discussed additional planning for the hamfest on March 16, 2013.

Special Interest Groups:

Contest: Owen Watson ([AK7AR](#)) gave a short briefing on the RTTY contest and said they club attained approximately 500,000 points for this operation - a first for the club.

Repeater: Chris Buchanan([N7JND](#)) discussed the progress of reinstalling the 146.80 repeater at the new Ian/Orange grove location. It has good coverage of the city, but has a minor desense problem and is not operating at full power. The PL is 156.7.

The DSTAR stack has been rebooted and is back on the air. A second stack is available and looking for a home. Jack Jarvis ([KB7ZZY](#)) discussed the 448.325 machine. The memorandum of understanding has been signed and Mr. Jarvis will be moving the repeater to its final locating this coming week. He also noted the 444.925 is now on the air from Mt. Lemmon. All repeaters are in need of battery backup and poly phasors for lightning protection.

VE Team: Vice President Zimmermann reported last month had 4 applicants with 1 Technician and 2 General licenses granted. March VE testing will occur at the Hamfest on March 16, 2013.

Days in the Park: Last weekend's event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. The next event will be March 9, 2013 at Kennedy Park at Mission/Ajo.

ARCA: Gary Keck ([KE7DX](#)) briefed the minutes of the last ARCA meeting. The Williams hamfest will have a room dedicated form presentations this year. That hamfest will be the 2nd weekend in July in Williams Arizona. ARCA is soliciting members for Young Ham of the Year. He also noted that the ARRL Southwest Divisions director is considering splitting Arizona into three sections. ARRL is looking for input from the Arizona members on this possible division.

Upcoming Hamfest:

Scottsdale	March 9
Tucson	Mach 16
Devry	April 13
Cochise	Mary 14

Net Announchments

Saturday	1900	DSTARS	445.900
3 rd Tuesday	1930	ARES Skywarn	146.17
Tuesday	2030	10 Meter	28.420
Sunday	2030	2 Meter Simplex	146.55
Thursday	1900	2 Meter SSB	144.210 USB
Wednesday	1830	Digital Training	146.50

Sunday 0830 SWOT

144.250 USB

New Business:

Mr. Steinkamp noted that during the installation of the repeaters on the BofA building a few years back, he donated approximately 200 feet of 1 inch hard line for the project and inquired as to its current location. It was determined that due to the swiftness of removing the equipment from the building and the difficulty in removing the feed line from the troughs; it was probably left at the building. Closed.

The University of Arizona Ham Club meets next Wednesday at 1800 in the Campus Engineering Building. Closed.

Rick Cummings ([W1GHE](#)) gave a brief description of RACES and noted that training sessions are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Closed.

With no other business on the table, the meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff K. Steinkamp

Secretary.