

## Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 08/11/2020

Chair - Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Started the meeting at 07:00PM on “Zoom” and Max (KI7TIG) in person at Biscuits Country Café. Gary welcomed everyone to the Radio Society of Tucson meeting. We had two new Hams. James (KJ7PTO) was in attendance and Ed (AI7JC) was on Zoom.

### **Board Members that Checked In:**

President: Gary Keck, KE7DX (Zoom)  
Vice-President: Max Presnell, KI7TIG  
Secretary: Rosie Paszkiet, KG7QWR (Zoom)  
Treasurer: Shari Presnell, K7GPC  
Brenda Holman, N3QVK (Zoom)  
Bruce Betterley, WA1BZQ  
David Holman, AC7DS  
Richard Schmidt, K7NSW

Joe Statkevicius, K3TYE\*

\*Indicates not present

### **Additional Check Ins:**

KE7OYN – Dale  
KB7AZ – Carl  
Jacob Bergman (visitor)  
KJ7PTO – James Bergman  
WOPZD – Dick  
KD7UIZ – Don  
N0ZHU – Merle  
KJ7MKW - Dan  
AG7JG – Dave (Zoom)  
AI7JC – Ed (Zoom)  
K6WSC – Bill (Zoom)  
N7GSG – Gary (Zoom)  
AC2K – Alan (Zoom)  
WW6F – Fred (Zoom) visitor  
KBOTS – Jay  
KY7K – Steve (didn't sign roster)

Chair - Gary (KE7DX) – Thanked everyone for attending this evening. He asked for new hams and any visitors. Ed (AI7JC) was with us and he accomplished going from Technician to Extra last evening. Jim (KJ7PTO) was also with us and he just became a new Technician.

Vice Chair - Max (KI7TIG) – Max was our presenter for this evening. His presentation was on the National Traffic System (NTS) and he is the NTS Traffic Manager for the Saguaro NTS Net.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

Chair - Gary (KE7DX) – We have rules for posting to the Listserv (our mailing list) and our RST website. These same rules will be in place for our meetings on Zoom. We have unpaid bills for approximately one year regarding electrical power consumption on MT Lemmon. This administration was not aware of a \$100 per month bill for power usage. Now that we are aware of it, we will get with Henry and make things right with him for the past and start a monthly payment schedule. We do want to keep this repeater. We have the AZ QSO party coming up, and would like to see us participate in it.

Vice Chair - Max (KI7TIG) – Bill Clark (K6WSC) will be our next presenter. The presentation topic for the September RST meeting will be “Introduction to Contesting & the Arizona QSO Party”. David Holman (AC7DS) will be the presenter in October on DStar. If anyone is interested in doing a presentation or has a suggestion for a presentation please contact Max (KI7TIG).

Secretary - Rosie (KG7QWR) – Minutes are on the website. This month’s minutes will be up in a timely manner. It would be much appreciated if people would give some input on how the minutes are being done.

Treasurer - Shari (K7GPC) – Our cash assets as of July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$10,897.36. There is a detailed Treasurer’s report in this month’s RST minutes.

## **SIG REPORTS:**

Laurel VE Liaison Testing – Dick (W0PZD) – There was a total of 26 applicants and 35 elements at the VE Testing. We have 16 new Technician Licenses, 4 Generals and 3 new Extra Licenses. Two of the applicants came in with nothing and left with Extra Class license!!!

The VE testing did not get done until after 10:00 pm. Gary (KE7DX) asked that VE talk with Brian there at Biscuits Country Café to find out about compensating him for opening his doors for us.

Contest – Richard (K7NSW) – The AZQSO party has grown and is nationally recognized along with Bill (K6WSC). He would like to see RST support the effort by buying plaques.

- Bill (K6WSC) – He is Manager of AZQSO party for last two years. The website is AZQSOparty.org. He will be presenting at our next RST meeting on Contesting and a QSO presentation. AZQSO Party is held on the second Saturday of the month in October (10<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00am to 10:00pm Saturday night.

Repeaters – David (AC7DS) – Sahuarita is still down, should have it up soon. 146.800 MHz is still having issues with the Fusion side. The DStar stack on MT Lemmon is being used in New Mexico and Mexico. So, we need to keep it and have electricity supplied to it.

Day in the Park (DIP) – Gary (KE7DX) – Will be at Reid Park on southwest corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> and Country Club from 10:00am to 2:00pm this Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Hamfest – Gary (KE7DX) – Our RST Fall Hamfest has been cancelled due to the pandemic. We hope for a much better Spring Hamfest.

Interclub Liaison – Bruce (WA1BZQ) – The local radio clubs are on line, Zoom and their websites. U of A Radio Club meets every Monday on 146.96 MHz at 8pm.

Alan (AC2K) – ARCA has offered to become the Statewide sponsor for the AZQSO party. This would free up money so RST might support plaques. (This will be a Board item) He also showed us a picture of Young Ham of the Year plaque that was awarded to Annika Smith (KE7JOY). Congratulations!

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chair - Gary (KE7DX) – He introduced both Richard (K7NSW) and David (AC7DS) as our new Board Members from last month's meeting.

Board meetings are now being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month on Zoom. If anyone would like to attend please contact a Board member for the link.

Christmas Party – Brenda (N3QVK) will be in charge again this year. She will call El Corral to see if they are able to have us. She would also appreciate ideas of where we could meet. Thanks Brenda!

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chair - Gary (KE7DX) – Covid-19 has been here for some time now, if you are bored, how about playing radio?? We can have a Net with a Net Control Station. We can get on the air either weekly, or monthly to find out what everybody is doing. We can also see where we can buy items that have shortages during the week. Gary was referring to things like the previous toilet paper shortage and sanitizer

In October we will have nominations for the Board for 2020-2021, with subsequent voting at that time. Gary (KE7DX) is willing to be President, Max (KI7TIG) is willing to be Vice President, and all current Board Members are willing to do another term. We have one vacancy for the Board.

Max (KI7TIG) moved to adjourn the meeting David (AC7DS) seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

We had 13 sign-ins for this meeting, 1 person did not sign-in, and 9 people participated in the meeting on Zoom! We had a total of 23 people in attendance for our August meeting. Thank you all for your patience and joining us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosie Paszkiet, KG7QWR  
RST Secretary



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TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2020

**Chase Bank:**

Beginning Balance		7/1/2020	\$9,756.64
Bill Clark - QSO party exp	\$	369.22	
Richard Schmidt - hose reels	\$	183.23	
Biscuits - presenter meal	\$	15.00	
Gary Kech - DIP lunch	\$	35.86	
Don Ernle DIP lunch	\$	43.39	
USPS - stamps	\$	11.00	
	\$	<u>657.70</u>	

Deposits:

Membership dues	\$	65.00	
Donation - VE testing			
	\$	<u>65.00</u>	

Ending Balance	7.31.20	<b>\$9,163.94</b>
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**PayPal:**

Beginning Balance	7.1.20	\$1,441.11
Membership July		\$45.00
Donations		\$50.00
fees		(\$2.69)
Transfer to checking		
Ending Balance	7.31.10	<b>\$1,533.42</b>

<b>Cash on Hand:</b>	7.31.20	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
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<b>Total Cash Assets as of July 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$10,897.36</b>
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