



FORT LOWELL - APACHE CHAPTER

- MEETING MINUTES -

10 AUGUST 2009



Meeting called to order at 1809 hours by President CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The President declared a quorum present. The meeting was held at the Cattletown Restaurant.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the June 2009 meeting were presented previously to the members electronically. A motion was made by CW3R Al Price to accept the minutes as published and seconded by CW3R Ron James. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: CW4R Harold Lindamood

As of June 30, 2009

<u>Funds in Savings Account:</u>		(Must maintain \$5 minimum)
Opening Balance	6/1/2009	\$5.06
Interest income		\$0.00
Closing Balance	6/30/2009	\$5.06

<u>Funds in the Checking Account:</u>		
Opening Balance	June 1, 2009	\$6735.13
Ending Balance	June 30, 2009	\$4555.13

A motion was made by CW3R Ed Blankschen to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, and seconded by CW3R Michael Turner. The motion passed.

As of July 31, 2009

<u>Funds in Savings Account:</u>		(Must maintain \$5 minimum)
Opening Balance	7/1/2009	\$5.06
Interest income		\$0.00
Closing Balance	7/31/2009	\$5.06

<u>Funds in the Checking Account:</u>		
Opening Balance	July 1, 2009	\$4555.13
Ending Balance	July 31, 2009	\$4725.45

A motion was made by CW3R Michael Turner to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, and seconded by CW2R Ted Cogut. The motion passed.

President's Report: CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti

- Heraldry** – The Chapters' JROTC medal for Distinguished Service is not approved by the Institute of Heraldry under the provisions of AR 145-2, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program Organization, Administration, Operation, and Support. CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti is researching the process that needs to be followed to have our medal approved.

2. **The Vincent Baiocchetti Award** – CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti announced that an award has been named in his honor by the Arlington Hall Chapter, USAWOA, for his untiring devotion to the USAWOA.
3. **Healthcare Update** – The president gave a brief update on the current status of several bills currently in Congress that address the overhaul or reform of the Nation's healthcare system.

Vice President's Report: CW2R John Curtis

1. **Membership:** The Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter has a total of 36 members:
 - a. Life: 10
 - b. Regular: 19
 - c. Affiliated: 7
 - 36**
 - d. Active and participating in Chapter events and business: **18**

Missing in America Project – CW2R John Curtis, CW3R Art Schmid, CW3R Ed Blankschen and CW3R AI Price have been coordinating with the National Organization for assistance with setting up the Southern Arizona program. <http://www.miap.us/>. CW2R John Curtis is preparing a document of the general process.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Travel to the AMM-2009:** A request was made by CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti, last month, to pay for his air fare expenses to the AMM-2009 in Salt Lake City, UT. After further discussion, a motion was made by CW3R Michael Turner to approve the air fare expenses. The motion was seconded by CW3R AI Price and approved those members present.
2. **New Chapter Shirt Vendor** – CW3R AI Price delivered the new shirts. CW3R Michael Turner immediately adjourned to Men's room and returned to model his new shirt. The membership was pleased with the quality of the new shirts.
3. **The Annual Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter Picnic** – This year's picnic was held at the home of CW3R Ron James. The members gave Ron a well earned round of applause and were very appreciative of Ron's generosity.
4. **The Annual Fort Lowell-Apache Golf Tournament** – CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti and CW4R Harold Lindamood provided a recap and after action report for the golf tournament and associated finances.

New Business:

1. **Community Outreach and Projects for 2010** – Several potential projects and community outreach activities were discussed. The tentative list includes"
 - a. The Fountains Retirement Home
 - b. The Ronald McDonald House
 - c. Community Food Bank
 - d. Babysitting Military children when Mom and Dad go shopping
2. **Election of Officers for 2010** – CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti announced the opening of nominations for the Chapter Officers for the upcoming year. The Chapter elects a President and Vice President. The remaining officers are appointed by the President.
3. **Possible New Meeting Location** – A suggestion to find a new, more centralized, meeting location was suggested by CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti. The proposed location, [La Fuente Restaurant](#) at 1749 N. Oracle Rd., on Miracle Mile Road between Speedway Blvd and Grant Road, has a private room and is

a favorite for Mexican cuisine and mariachi entertainment. Further discussion was tabled until the September meeting.

4. **Annual Meeting of the Members, AMM-2011** - CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti lead a discussion concerning the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapters' desires to host another AMM. The Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter hosted the AMM-2005 in Tucson, AZ. After considerable discussion, both for and against, the members present approved the motion made by CW3R Michael Turner and seconded by CW3R Al Price by show of hands vote with 11 Yea and 1 Nay. The vote was requested to be listed in the meeting minutes.

Yea (Yes):

CW3R Al Price
CW2R John Curtis
CW2R Leonard Wilfong
CW3R Michael Turner
CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti
CW4 Dave Bixby

Yea (Yes):

CW4R Harold Lindamood
CW5R Brad Rinehart
CW2 Craig Dowdney
CW2R Ted Cogut
CW3R Ed Blankschen

Nay (No):

CW3 Ron James

5. **JROTC Drill Meet** – The 2009 edition of the JROTC Drill Meet is scheduled for Saturday, 12 December 2009 at Flowing Wells High School. CW3 Ron James requested that the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter members begin getting ready to be judges and administrative assistants for this year's drill meet.

Good of the Order:

1. **Annual Fort Lowell-Apache Christmas Gathering** – The Christmas Gathering is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 13 December 2009, at 1400 hours, at the home of CW3R Michael and Mary Turner. Michael promised that the home addition and astronomical observatory would be completed in time.
2. **Arizona Silver Chapter Golf Tournament** - CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti reminded everyone that the Arizona Silver Chapter Golf Tournament will be held in Naco on 12 September 2009 and that the Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter should participate.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, CW2R Ted Cogut made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by CW3R Ron James and passed by the members present at 1953 hours.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be held at 1800 hours on 14 September 2009 at Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano, 420 W Magee Rd [at Oracle].

Members Present:

CW3R Al Price
CW5R Brad Rinehart
CW2 Craig Dowdney
CW4 Dave Bixby
CW3R Ed Blankschen
CW4R Harold Lindamood
CW2R John Curtis
CW2R Leonard Wilfong
CW3R Michael Turner
CW3R Ron James
CW2R Ted Cogut
CW5R Vincent Baiocchetti

Guests Present:

Mrs. Betty Lindamood
Mrs. Jean Curtis
Mrs. Leslie Blankschen

Submitted by:
CW3R Michael Turner, Secretary