

Minutes for VVARA Meeting, March 19, 2008

Held at Cottonwood Public Safety Building at 7 p.m. Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Frank Funk

Acknowledge guest - Eric Schweizer, KD7MEP, xyl Helga and new member Dave Kiggins, KB7KMR.

Health Update for Dick Glover, W4AOP, recovering at VV Medical Center
He presented the club with check for \$500.00 for antenna assistance help.

Secretary's report - Tom Schrum, K7NII read the minutes of February 20, 2008. Approved by Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, seconded by Neil Vince, KA7JAS.

Treasurer's report - Bill Martens, K7YKN. Current checkbook balance \$4,844.99.

Introduction of speaker, Tom Schrum, K7NII spoke on "Propagation Beyond The Horizon 144 Mc. And up.

BREAK - Refreshments coffee/cookies.

Reconvene meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Old Business - VVARA Repeater report: Mike Wingate, WA6LSE said repeater okay, will change when weather is okay.

Second Annual Prescott Ham Fest - We are planning to join YARC in the 2nd Joint Prescott Ham Fest in May. This will be a joint swap meet. It will be held on Saturday morning, May 31st at Granite Mountain Middle School. Bob Thompson, KC8BOB and Steve Pearson, KC7TIL will coordinate with Terry Pemberton and YARC planning and work assignments. We will need members to help.

Ted Hartson, WA8LG, said there is interest in other AZ ham clubs getting together at Ft. Tuthill at one of the armadas for an informal picnic and tailgate swap session around noon on Sunday July 20th.

Discussion - HB2721 Amateur Radio, Structures, Accommodations:

This Bill has passed House and is now under consideration by the Senate. The first and second reading of the Bill have taken place and it has been referred to the Senate Government Committee. If passed there, it goes back to the House for any changes. After being reconciled, the bill is then sent on to the Governor for signing.

Jack Crabtree and assistants will conduct Extra Class license classes on two Saturdays, March 22nd and 29th. A Prescott VE Test session to follow on

April 22nd.

Field Day will take place at Watson Lake June 28th and 29th (11 a.m. Saturday through noon Sunday) this year. YARC has invited VVARA to join with them. YARC President Terry Pemberton, will be providing more details as we get close. A joint picnic is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. VVARA will split costs with YARC for food, drinks and ice.

New Business:

VVARA Website Report: Bob Erdmann, W7TQJ, due to serious health issues, has decided that he could no longer act as Webmaster for the club and turned website over to Ernie Cummings, K6XF. Ernie has been acting as temporary "Caretaker" of the website. Paul Compton, WA7US, from Mesa, AZ offered to take on this important assignment for the club. We, of course, want to thank Bob Erdmann for all of his work. The club wants to thank Paul Compton for agreeing to take this job.

Newsletter Editor: Starla Thompson, KE7DTS, asked to be relieved of her duties as Newsletter Editor at the end of 2007. We would like to find someone to take on this job. If you know of someone who might be interested, contact any of the club officers.

50/50 Raffle Drawing: Winner: Chris Hancock, KC6UUG, \$14.00

Our next meeting will be at Pete's Family Restaurant on Wednesday April 16, 2008. Al Crook, KD7MTJ, will be presenting a color slide review of the History of the American Flag.

Motion to close meeting by Dick, K7YKN, second by Marsha, N6SNW

Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Signed _____ Tom Schrum, K7NII Secretary, VVARA