

Minutes of VVARA General Meeting, Jan. 21st 2009

The meeting was held at Cottonwood Public Safety Building Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

President, Mel Boreham, welcomed all in attendance and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

We also welcomed some guest "snow birds" from Oregon. Donna Francis, Jeanette Vandiver's aunt, KWD7IJ and her husband, Larry Francis, KW7I (KWD7ZK) were visiting from Salem, OR in their motorhome.

Secretary's Report: Robert G. Thompson, K7RGT, acting Secretary for the club in 2008, read the minutes of our last meeting held in Cottonwood on November 19th. Motion to approve minutes was made by Al Witte, KD6LZE. The motion was seconded by Mike Wingate WA6LSE. Minutes were approved by voice vote, with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Norman Vandiver, N7VF, our new Treasurer, assumed his duties and Mel Boreham, who acted as treasurer last year, reported that the year-end bank statement as of December, 31st, 2008 shows a balance of \$7,222.58. Mel will turn over the check book to him tomorrow and other treasury files within the next two weeks. Mel added that he has entered all deposits and expenditures into computer spreadsheets and will coordinate with Norman in completing the club books for 2008 before the February meeting. An Audit committee will be assigned to go over the books at that time.

Installation of VVARA Officers for 2009. The following members were elected to serve as our club officers for this year and will assume their duties tonight.

Mel Boreham, N6BDC, as President

David Drown, WN7L, as Vice President (unable to attend due to travel)

Jason Shultz, KE7WWQ, as Secretary

Norman Vandiver, N7VF, as Treasurer

Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, will continue as our Director at Large (unable to attend tonight's meeting)

President, Mel Boreham, congratulated all the officers and said he looks forward to working with the new Board!

Presentation: A 40 minute video presentation on Pitcairn Island provided by Frank and Peggy Funk was shown.

Several of the 50+current inhabitants are ham radio operators. Ham radio provides one of the main means of contacting the outside world. Some of our DXers may have worked the VR6 calls from this island.

BREAK: *Ten minutes for Coffee and Cookies. Thanks to Peggy Funk for her home made cookies and excellent coffee.*

Al Barber, AA7OV, ran the 50/50 raffle ticket sales.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:12p.m.

Old Business:

Field Day 2009: *This year's VVARA Field Day, will return to the top of Mingus Mountain.*

As in the past, the VVARA will be hosting a Field Day picnic at the site. We will need to have a committee to plan for this event. In that this will be in conflict with the YARC Field Day and YARC club picnic on the same day, we should take this into consideration.

Christmas Party: *The VVARA Christmas Luncheon at the Ranch House Restaurant in Lake Montezuma on Saturday, December 13th was a great success with 58 members and their families in attendance. The food was excellent and everyone received one or more door prizes. We wish to thank Bob and Starla Thompson for their efforts in purchasing the door prizes and to Bob and Judy Rosevear for adding several additional prizes to the gift*

table. We will consider having our Christmas Luncheon at the same restaurant next December.

New Business:

Recent Purchases: *The club purchased a Wireless All-in One Canon MP-620 Printer for use by our Treasurer. It will be used a copier and scanner to make copies, but it will also function in printing out spreadsheets of income/expenditure data. The total price for the printer was \$109.00 including shipping and was purchased on Amazon.com.*

Suggestions for the coming year regarding the club and events:

Repeater Equipment Purchase: *Pres. Mel Boreham suggested that in that we have a healthy bank balance, he would entertain a motion that we purchase a back-up controller for the repeater (about \$350). He had contacted Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, our Repeater Trustee, and Mike thought this addition would be worth considering. A motion was made to purchase the controller, was seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

Other Repeater News.... *It is possible that a 220 Mhz repeater may be installed by Rod Rosenbarger, KI6FH sometime this year. This would not be a club repeater, but would be located inside the MARS building where the club repeater is now installed.*

Education Assistance: *We have promised Jack Crabtree that we would purchase 6 ARRL instructor texts for the next Extra license classes. The YARC club had donated funds to cover ARRL instructor texts for his classes last year.*

2009 Prescott Ham Fest:

The 3rd Annual Joint VVARA/YARC Prescott Ham Fest will be held on Sat., May 30th at the Granite Mountain Middle School ball courts, the same location where the past two joint ham fests have been held. We will need a coordinating committee to serve in planning and maintaining contact with the YARC President and the YARC committee chairman who will be planning and advertising this annual joint event. Mel mentioned a possible consideration of sharing cost with YARC of a high value Ham Fest Raffle Prize, ie. HF Tranciever, or a couple of tri-band Handheld transceivers? Both clubs would share returns from Raffle. No discussion took place and there was no motion made to study this further.

50/50 Raffle Drawing. Winner: KD6LZE AL Witte \$22 – donated back to club.

Our next meeting will be held here at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building on February 18th 2009. We hope to have Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, give a presentation on his experiences during the Vietnam War running phone patches via ham radio for our Servicemen to their families back in the States.

We are still open to suggestions for presentations for our future meetings. Wilse Morgan, WX7P, has offered to send us a Power Point program on a “4-Square” antenna that he recently installed at his home in Rice, WA.

Another program was suggested by Dave Brown, WN7L, our new V.P., would be on Soldering, a subject that all hams will find both interesting and practical. Charlie Laughlin, KE7WOU, has also volunteered to speak on a subject of his choice later this year.

Call for Motion to Close Meeting. Motion by Chris Hancock, KC6UUG. Seconded by Mike WA6LSE Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting closed at 8:23 p.m.