

## VVARA MEETING JUNE 23, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Swiggers, KF7FPB, at 7.00pm

Jeff called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No guests were present.

No new business.

Minutes were read by Marsha Rosenbarger, N6SNW. Mel Borham, N6BDC, made a motion to accept the minutes as read and John Gross, W5VJH, seconded.

Treasurer's report was given by Mel Borham. He said we may have to change banks to avoid a \$12 monthly fee if our balance drops below a certain level.

Jeff read the April minutes and, Mel Borham, made a motion to accept them as read. John Gross seconded it.

Mel gave a little history on Peggy Funk as she is retiring from making cookies for the meetings. She is having some sight issues and will no longer drive after dark. Mel purchased a \$50 gift certificate to Sizzler and passed around a "Thank You" card for everyone to sign. Mel suggested perhaps a permanent committee can take over the duties of coffee and cookies. Mel will do it this month and July and asked Marsha Rosenbarger, if she would do it September and November.

Rod Rosenbarger, talked about the latest VE test session. The total was 8 technicians, 1 general and 1 upgrade to extra. ARRL provided all the material needed plus a postage paid envelope to send everything back. Kudos to the VE testing team!

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, talked about the latest on the repeater. He will install the boards this weekend if he feels better. The 1 tree in question needs to be removed and it is still unclear who is responsible for its removal. Mike Wingate will give tours of the reaper site to anyone interested during Field Day. The cost of removing will be tables until we hear more from Mike Wingate.

The last weekend in July is the get-together with the Scorpion Club.

Norm Vandiveer, N7VF, talked about Field Day. The objective this year is training and learning new things. Elijah is planning a training session on satellite. FO29 Satellite will be targeted for the contacts. We need operators for all the stations. A signup sheet was passed around to sign.

Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ, and Judy Rosevear, KC7MTY, will be the chefs. Steve has the canopies. Setup time will Friday around noon. The actual contest time will be Saturday 11:00am to Sunday 11:00am. Joan Tremper, AB7KE, will be there Saturday afternoon to take photos.

Break time.

Mel reminded those staying the night to be sure to bring warm clothes and blankets. It gets cold up there! Norm suggested everyone bring shelter and raingear, sunscreen, and bug spray. Stage 1 fire restrictions are in effect. No campfires, charcoal grills or smoking allowed. Remember to bring your personal needs for the weekend. BBQ will be at noon Saturday so please bring a dish to share if you are attending. Norm drew a diagram on the board of the parking lot and assigned the locations to the different stations. Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, said the logging will be 2-ALPHA and the log sheets will be ready for each station to pick up. Bob Smith, WB6ODR, talked about the importance of public relations.

Bonus points for Field Day; emergency power like solar 200 points, satellite contacts 100 points, Field Day held in a public place 100 points, an information booth or table 100 points, press release 100 points, submit an invitation to televisions and radio stations 100 points, ARRL bulletins 100 points, 50 points for being on line, and 20 points for every person under the age of 18 that operates a station.

Jeff said to be sure to bring your own source of light. You cannot use the solar trailer as that needs to be reserved for running the stations at night. Next month we will give a short review of Field Day.

Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, made a motion to close the meeting and Greg Allen, N6WCD, seconded the motion.

Notes taken by Marsha Rodenbarger, in lieu of Secretary, Jason Shultz, KE7WWQ