

VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - February 16, 2011

The meeting at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building was called to order by President, Jeff Swiggers, N7ZZN, at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades:

Wally, N8EQR, and his XYL Sandy are in this area from Michigan and Dave, W0FBI, is a snow bird from Iowa.

Bryan Whipp has a new call sign, W7BNW.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary, Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the January 18, 2011 membership meeting. Mel Boreham, N6BDC, made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Greg Allen, N6WCD, and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Mel: the current balance is \$6,321.55. The annual audit of the club books conducted on February 3 by Don Rader, N7HYH, and Al Witte, KD6LZE, indicated there are no accounting errors and everything is in order.

Old Business:

Greg Allen Jr., KE7PXX, has volunteered to be our tower climber working with Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, on the annual maintenance of the Mingus tower.

Jeff repeated the need to have a minimum of 51% of the Club's membership in the ARRL to maintain Club benefits. Jeff reviewed the numerous benefits of ARRL membership and encouraged members to join. This issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Jeff reminded the group about the technician license class at Embry Riddle U. on March 5, and license testing at the posse building on March 19. He also mentioned the possibility of a "now that I have my license what do I do with it" class for new hams.

New Business:

Mel reviewed the Club policy of giving complementary memberships to new hams who want to try out the club. Mel made a motion clarifying that the free membership is nonvoting, non-office holding, limited to new hams and can be converted to regular status by paying dues, Greg Allen seconded, motion passed.

Jeff reported that Mike Covey and Bob Kiekenapp, K0CKE, are taking over the maintenance and organization of the ARES/RACES van parked behind the Cottonwood Public Safety Building. Jeff asked for additional van help and Norm Vandiver, N7VF, volunteered.

Jeff announced that our Field Day will be June 24-26 and outlined the preliminary organization. Greg Allen, will be in charge of 2 meters + solar operations and Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, will be in charge of HF operations. We will need numerous additional volunteers including someone to handle food.

The subject of having a swap meet at the field day was reviewed and numerous pros and cons covered. Substituting raffles and auctions was also suggested. Bob Kiekenapp made a motion to table these issues until next month, Art Swiggers, AE7KQ, seconded, motion passed.

The meeting paused for refreshments at 7:39 and started up 15 minutes later with the 50/50 drawing and Jeff thanking Cheryl Henriksen, KF7GCN, and Tim Henriksen, KF7GCO's, mom for the baked goods and Mel for the coffee.

Leo Zuercher, KF7KXH, introduced our speaker, J. D. Maddy (from the Astronomy Club) who gave a presentation on tripod photography as it applies to astronomy and radio astronomy.

Mike Covey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm, Art Swiggers, seconded, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary