

VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – March 16, 2011

The meeting at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building was called to order by President, Jeff Swiggers, N7ZZN, at 7:07 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff reported that it was decided at the last board meeting to have the Repeater Trustee's Report added to the agenda of the membership meetings

Visitors and recent upgrades:

Cheryl Henriksen, KF7GCN, is now a VE. Mike Damiani, KD7VLK, who has recently returned to the area, attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary, Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the February 16, 2011 membership meeting. Mel Boreham, N6BDC, made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Al Barber, AA7OV, and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Mel: the current balance is \$6,417.64. He also reported that we currently have 134 paid and gratis members with more paid up members expected by month's end.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, reported that everything on the mountain is status quo as of last fall. Tel Link will conduct tower and power system upgrades the first week in April, weather permitting and Mike has a repeater controller swap out planned. A Technical Committee work party is scheduled in May for building cleaning and other repeater projects. The reported willful malicious interference on the repeater was reviewed. If this continues, Mike will DF and identify the perpetrator and will initiate corrective action.

Old Business:

Jeff reviewed field day swap meet issues and lead a discussion on the pros and cons of having one. Mike Wingate made a motion to not have a club sponsored swap meet at this year's field day, Mike Covey seconded, motion passed.

Jeff discussed the need to have a minimum of 51% of the Club's membership in the ARRL to maintain Club benefits and reported that the Board decided to only include paid members on the list which will be sent to the ARRL. Because many of the paid members are ARRL members, this will insure that we will have an adequate safety margin to retain benefits. This issue will be readdressed at a future meeting.

Jeff reported that field day planning is coming together with 2 M, 6 M and HF covered, however, we still need someone for satellite operations and a grill master to handle cooking. Norm Vandiver reviewed the need for logging computers and software for field day scoring. This issue will be addressed in more detail next month.

New Business:

Jeff presented Cheryl with an Olive Garden gift certificate in appreciation for providing meeting refreshments.

Marsha Rosenbarger, N6SNW, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rod Rosenbarger, KI6FH, seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm. After refreshments and the 50/50 drawing, Bob Kiekenapp, K0CKE, introduced our speaker, Al Barber who gave a presentation on emergency and catastrophic event preparedness.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary