

VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – April 20, 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:

Heather Cook a stay at home mom of 5 kids was a first time meeting attendee. John Parsons, KF7OTE, a new technician and new club member attended the meeting for the first time.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary, Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the March 16, 2011 membership meeting. Bob Shipton, K8EQC, made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bob Smith, WB6ODR, the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Mel Boreham, N6BDC,: the current balance is \$6,598.41. He also reported that we currently have 150 paid, honorary and gratis members. There are 130 dues paying members with 62% in the ARRL. Mel recommended that the Club make Ernie and Mary De Leon, K7IOG and W7IOG, one year gratis members. Mel made a motion on this, Mike Covey seconded, the motion passed.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, reported that everything on the mountain is working fine. The Technical Committee work party and the system upgrades by Tel-Link will be delayed until the mountain top is clear of snow and ice.

Old Business:

Jeff reported that field day planning is progressing well with only satellite operations and grill master slots still open. Mike Wingate discussed a field day logging program he located that is simple, easy to use, Windows based and costs only \$10. Mike Covey made a motion that the Club purchase the software, Carol Hills, KA7LKW, seconded, the motion passed.

Mike Covey presented an A/R van update. It is currently in the County maintenance shop receiving approved maintenance and repairs and will be returned to the PSB secured parking when the work is completed.

New Business:

Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, presented Bob Shipton with a "special" safety hard hat to prevent him from being hit by falling balloons when working on the recovery projects with the Arizona Near Space Research program.

Jeff announced that license testing will be conducted on April 23 in Flagstaff at NAU and on May 6 in Prescott at the Posse building.

Mel discussed the Lowell Observatory trip that Ted Hartson, WA8ULG, is putting together and asked for a show of hands of possible attendees.

Bob Shipton recommended that the Club sponsor a student project with the Arizona Near Space Research program and made a motion that we donate \$250.00 for this purpose, Bob Smith seconded, the motion passed.

Jeff mentioned that the Young and New Hams Net had requested Club approval to change their name to the Sunday Evening Net. It was concluded that no approval was needed for the name change even though they use the Club's repeater.

Jeff reported that the recently stolen ARCA trailer contained most of their equipment and supplies used for ham fests and other activities and that many clubs are donating money to help them replace the losses. Al Barber, AA7OV, made a motion to donate \$200.00 to help ARCA replace the losses, Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ, seconded, the motion passed.

The meeting paused at 7:35 for refreshments and drawings; the 50/50 and for farm eggs donated by Carol Hills. The meeting resumed at 7:45 with Bob Kiekenapp, K0CKE, introducing our speaker, Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI, who gave a presentation on nuclear submarine operations and communications.

Aiesha Warner, KF7IAJ, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike Covey seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary