

# VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – July 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:**

Marny Zuercher is a new technician with the call sign KF7QVK. Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ's, grandson Alex was visiting from Texas.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the June 15, 2011 membership meeting. Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bob Smith, WB6ODR, the motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was not available. Treasurer Mel Boreham, N6BDC, forwarded the current balance of \$5,641.87 after the meeting. Jeff read a note from ARCA thanking us for our donation.

## **Repeater Trustee's Report:**

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, reported the fire restrictions on the mountain have been lifted and work on tower and power projects can proceed. Forest Service approval is needed on various issues and that will delay progress somewhat. They are hoping to have the projects completed in the fall.

## **Old Business:**

Mel reported that 60+ % of our members have ARRL membership and we will be able to maintain our ARRL affiliation. The issue on the confusion over the wording on our web site of our offer of one year's free Club membership to new hams was reviewed. Mike Covey made a motion to change the wording to: "a one year complementary membership to new hams", Bob Thompson seconded, the motion passed.

Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, showed the membership the GPS beacon for balloons that was made with the Club's donation to ANSR.

Mel presented the following club members with award certificates for their participation at field day: Greg Allen, N6WCD, Greg Allen Jr., KE7PXX, Master Allen (Greg Sr.'s grandson), Mike Covey, KF7KXL, Ernie De Leon, K7IOG, Cheryl Henriksen, KF7GCN, Tim Henriksen, KF7GCO, Carol Hills, KA7LKW, Bob Kiekenapp, K0CKE, Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, Bob Smith, WB6ODR, Jeff Swiggers, N7ZZN, Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, and Mike Wingate, WA6LSE.

Jeff moderated a field day review and thanked Steve Pearson and Ernie De Leon for the great food and Bob Kiekenapp for TV publicity. Jeff agreed to write a letter to Wal-Mart thanking them for their food donation. Areas needing improvement and follow up include: better methods to recruit station operators, more training on the logging program, a tent or screen room to protect the station operators from bug infestations at night and an analysis of the cause of the high level of RF interference at our site on the hill.

**New Business:**

An announcement was made that a ham had a stroke and was selling a complete ham station to raise money to pay bills. Bob Thompson brought the equipment to the meeting and anything that does not sell will be auctioned at the September meeting.

The meeting paused at 7:55 pm for refreshments and the drawings; 50/50 and for phones and ear buds donated by Al Barber, AA7OV.

The meeting resumed with our guest speaker, Jim Beck, KJ7NW, giving a presentation on electromagnetic theory and antennas.

Mike Covey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Rosevear, seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary