

VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – September 21, 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:

There were no visitors or upgrades.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the July, 2011 membership meeting. Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Leo Zuercher, KF7KXH, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Mel Boreham, N6BDC: the current balance is \$5,553.94.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, reported that ARES/RACES has been using our repeater for their Monday night net as their system is down, however, the repaired units are back and they should be off our repeater soon. The Forest Service has inspected our Mingus site and everything is OK and work can progress. Tel Link promises to have hard power available before winter and also expects to have the tower base and tower project completed. The required paperwork has been submitted to the Repeater Coordinator and we are good for another 5 years.

Old Business:

Bob Shipton, K8EQC, has been working with Bob Sitterley, K7POF, of the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group on an agreement allowing reciprocal repeater access in event either group's repeater is nonfunctional. The MMRG board approved an agreement allowing Knobby Knees and the Sunday Night Net to operate on the 147.000 repeater if our repeater is down and the MMRG's morning roundtable, Tuesday net and Mercury net to operate on the 147.220 repeater if theirs is down. The nets are to be radio only, no Echolink, IRLP or CQ-100. Mike Wingate made a motion that we approve the proposed reciprocal repeater use agreement, Mike Covey seconded, the motion passed.

New Business:

Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ, reported that the road rally is scheduled for September 30 and October 1 and that more ham volunteers are needed, especially from the Verde side of the mountain.

Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, announced that a technician's class is scheduled for September 24 at Embry Riddle, with testing the following Friday night at the Jeep Posse building.

Mel Boreham reviewed his Christmas party planning, recommending Saturday, December 17, as the best date and the Valley View Restaurant in Camp Verde as a good location. After some discussion, Bob Shipton made a motion to go with these suggestions, Bob Rosevear seconded, the motion passed.

Jeff announced that Rod Rosenbarger, KI6FH, gave up the VE Coordinator position due to personal reasons. Cheryl and Tim Henriksen, KF7GCN and KF7GCO, agreed to take up the position and when everything is in place, this will allow us to have testing next year.

A discussion took place on having a special events station for Arizona's centennial celebration next year. Bob Shipton made a motion to table the issue until next month, Mike Covey seconded, the motion passed.

The meeting paused at 7:41 pm for refreshments and the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting resumed with our guest speaker, Loren Singh, AE7CG, giving a presentation on CW low power operations entitled The World of QRP.

Jeff announced that the October 19, meeting will be at Embry Riddle in room 126 of the King Engineering Center at 7:00 pm. We will meet at the cafeteria at 5-5:30 for dinner.

Our next month's speaker will be Susan Swiggers, KF7KXK, covering emergency preparedness.

Bob Rosevear made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike Covey seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm, followed by a ham gear auction conducted by Steve Pearson, KC7TIL.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary