

# VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING January 18, 2012

The meeting at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building was called to order by Vice President, Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Visitors and recent upgrades:**

There were no new visitors or upgrades.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the November, 2011 membership meeting. Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ, made a motion to accept the minutes, Bryan Whipp, W7BNW, seconded.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was given by Mel Boreham, N6BDC: the current balance is \$4,936.26.

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

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, reported on old problems, new projects, new upgrades and planned improvements to our mountain top repeater installation. An APS power surge caused considerable equipment damage to several mountain top sites including ours. Mike will attempt to recover the \$500 club equipment loss from APS.

## **Old Business:**

Mel reported that the Christmas luncheon went well: the diners enjoyed the view and the food. The attendees donated 47 lbs. of food and \$92 in cash to the food banks.

Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, discussed the Sedona Marathon which will be held on Saturday February, 4. Amateur radio operators are needed for the race which will be a joint club event coordinated by Lloyd Halgunseth, WA6ZZJ, with the assistance of Bryan Whipp. Jack had a race signup sheet for club members.

Art Swiggers, AE7KQ, gave an update on the Arizona centennial special event station project planned for February 11 and 12. He has announced it in QST and QRZ and plans to have operators from VVARA and YARC. YARC has been contacted and signups for operators has started. The station will be at Arts house and will operate on the special event section of the 20 M band. Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, is working on the proposed QSL card.

Mel reported on the Club's raffle of a Yaesu FT-857D multi band, multimode transceiver. Tickets selling at \$5 each, 5 tickets for \$20 were made available to club members and prepackaged lots were handed out to some members to sell in other areas. The drawing is scheduled for our June field day.

## **New Business:**

Steve led a discussion on preliminary field day planning. The group agreed the field day should be held on the top of Mingus as in the past, on the last full weekend in June. It was also agreed we should have a barbecue and a side dish pot luck. Steve will start organizing the group for this project.

The meeting paused at 7:48 pm for a break and the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting resumed at 8:01 with Steve acknowledging Cheryl and Tim Henriksen, KF7GCN and KF7GCO, for bringing the refreshments.

Steve mentioned the possibility of an amateur license testing session in Cottonwood at the end of March. This will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Norm Vandiver, N7VF, reported on the Rt. 66 Special Event project this past year and passed around magazine photos of Rt. 66 taken by a group of Chinese who were researching a magazine article on that road.

This was followed by Russ Beach, KC7GLJ, giving a presentation titled Aurora Explained.

Mike Covey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Rosevear, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary