

# VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING February 15, 2012

The meeting at Cottonwood Village 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 2 visitors, Rev. Ben Bohach, K0GVS, who is house sitting in Cottonwood and Larry Francis, KW7I, our guest speaker. There were no new upgrades.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the January, 2012 membership meeting. Marny Zuercher, KF7QVK, made a motion to accept the minutes, Marsha Rosenbarger, N6SNW, seconded, the motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was given by Mel Boreham, N6BDC,: the current balance is \$5,749.19. Mel reviewed last year's club income and expenses and reported that the audit committee of Mike Covey and Al Barber, AA7OV, reviewed the club books for 2011. Mike Covey reported that the audit showed everything was in order and accurate to the penny.

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

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report by e-mail. Equipment for needed repairs and upgrades to our repeater has been received, but has not been installed yet due to deep snow on the mountain top.

## **Old Business:**

Mel gave a progress report on the radio drawing. Ticket sales are progressing well and he hopes it will be a successful club fund raiser.

Tim Henriksen, KF7GCO, reported that he and Cheryl, KF7GCN, have scheduled a VE testing session for March 31, at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building starting at 9:00 AM. It is listed on our Club web site and reported to the ARRL for publication. Mel made a motion to purchase 12 ARRL technician-class license manuals through Jack Crabtree, Leo Zuercher, KF7KXH, seconded. After some discussion the motion passed.

Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, mentioned that the Sedona Marathon project went well with numerous club members and other hams providing communications to support the 2,000 participants. The marathon organizers were happy to have the help.

Art Swiggers, AE7KQ, gave an update on the Arizona centennial special event station project conducted at his house on February 11 and 12, with 10 operators working 224 QSO. Card requests have started to come in and he will start the reply process in a month or so.

Steve continued with field day planning and started organizing setup on Friday, June 22, and the club barbeque. Bob Smith, WB6ODR, made a motion that the club provide the meat portion of the menu; burgers and brats, Mike Covey seconded, the motion passed. Bob, WB7RRQ, and Judy, KC7MTY, Rosevear and Ernie De Leon, W7IOG, will work on the food planning. Bob Thompson will obtain the necessary permits to use the picnic area on top of Mingus.

**New Business:**

Some members of YARC told Steve that they will likely lose their present field day site and inquired if we would be willing to share our field day site with them. We would not be combining events but would have 2 separate operations at our location. Bob Smith made a motion to approach YARC about sharing our site, Marne seconded, the motion passed.

The meeting paused at 7:44 pm for a break and the 50/50 drawing. Steve thanked Cheryl for the refreshments, Peter Fish, KA7FEB, for getting us the meeting room and wished Kathy Boreham a happy birthday.

The meeting resumed at 8:05 with Norm Vandiver, N7VF, and Larry Francis giving a presentation on the Rt. 66 special event project titled Rt. 66 on the Air.

Mike Covey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marny Zuercher, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary