

VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 21, 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 visitors or upgrades. Rev. Ben Bohach, K0GVS, just joined the VVARA.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the February, 2012 membership meeting. Art Swiggers, AE7KQ made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Walter Schumann, KF6SPS, seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Mel Boreham, N6BDC,; the current balance is \$6,018.11. Mel also circulated a letter received from the Sedona Chamber of Commerce, thanking the Club members participation in the Sedona marathon. Mel reported that Gene Bockman, AE7TV, a long time club member, is very ill and made a motion that the club award him a free 2 year membership, Mike Covey seconded, the motion passed.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, reported that the snow on the mountain is too deep for repeater work. He reviewed the planned repairs and upgrades which will be started when the snow melts. The tower installation and electrical work is also delayed by the snow.

Old Business:

Cheryl Henriksen, KF7GCN, mentioned that the VE testing session is scheduled for March 31, at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building starting at 9:00 AM and has sent press releases about it to local newspapers. Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, thanked Cheryl and Tim Henriksen, KF7GCO, for setting up the testing session.

Steve continued with field day planning and reviewed organizational issues. Field day setup, the barbeque and other food issues were covered and radio operations were discussed. Bob Thompson has contacted the National Forest office about the site permit and everything is in order. Mike Wingate will check the site for any RF noise problems.

Bryan Whipp, W7BNW, reported that YARC has a site for their field day and won't need to share our field day site.

New Business:

Marsha Rosenbarger, N6SNW, mentioned that Peggy Funk, N7DDR, is in the hospital with pneumonia and Frank Funk, N7EBT, is in a rehab center recovering from a fall.

Bryan announced that the MS 150, Ride the Vortex, bicycle ride is scheduled for Saturday April 14, and Sunday April 15, starting at the VV Fairgrounds. Amateur operators are needed at various course locations each day and a signup sheet was passed around.

The meeting paused at 7:47 pm for a break and the 50/50 drawing. Steve thanked Cheryl for the refreshments, and Mel for the coffee.

The meeting resumed at 8:02 pm with Steve announcing that Norm Vandiver, N7VF, was a 1,000,000 point award winner from the Flagstaff DX Club. Congratulations to Norm. Steve thanked Art Swiggers for a job well done on the Arizona centennial special event station project.

Steve and Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ, gave a Power Point presentation on the Desert Storm auto rally that was run out of Blythe, CA and used Ham operators for communications.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm followed by an auction of Don Rader's amateur radio equipment.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary