

VVARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 18, 2012

The meeting at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building was called to order by President, Jeff Swiggers, N7ZZN, at 7:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades:

Mike and Betty Temple, AD5SU and KF5LDA, are from the Austin, TX area and are summering in Williams. Terry Majors, KF7VES, is a visitor with a new technician license. There were no new upgrades.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Mike Covey, KF7KXL, read the minutes from the June, 2012 membership meeting. Marny Zuercher, KF7QVK, made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Rev. Ben Bohach, K0GVS, seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Mel Boreham, N6BDC; the current balance is \$6,817.05. Mel reported that the Club made \$385 profit from the radio raffle and that Ray Peterson, KF7CYG, won the radio.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Mike Wingate, WA6LSE, reported that things on the mountain are status quo. The new construction is delayed and when it is completed our repeater will have a permanent power hookup. He will organize a work party in a few weeks to complete the installations in our building. Tim Henriksen, KF7GCO, cleaned up some of the old wires and the copper has been recycled. The application for the 220 radio is delayed until an obstruction evaluation is made to be certain it will not cause problems with an existing FAA system.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Tim and Cheryl Henriksen, KF7GCN and KF7GCO, have scheduled a testing session for October 13. Jeff discussed having a technician's class in the Cottonwood area in early Oct. and agreed to plan one with Cheryl's help.

Jeff reported that field day went very well. There is no information yet on the total contact points for field day.

Mike Covey reviewed the solar trailer issues from field day and recommended that we set up our own solar power system for field day use. After a brief discussion, Jeff appointed Mike Covey, Mike Wingate and Rev. Ben Bohach, to present a proposal for a field day solar power system at the next meeting.

Jeff reviewed web site upgrades and additions.

Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, mentioned that Gene Bockman's, AE7TV, station equipment needed to be consolidated and auctioned off at a future meeting.

Thanks were given to Cheryl and Tim Henriksen, for cookies and Mel and Kathy for the coffee.

Ed Tucker, KL7DU, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike Covey seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

After a brief break, Rev. Ben Bohach gave a presentation on antenna tuners.

Submitted by Mike Covey, Secretary