

## VVARA Meeting 15 May 2013, Cottonwood Village meeting room

The meeting was called to order by president Eric Lash at 7:01 pm, followed by Pledge Of Allegiance.

**Visitors and recent upgrades:**All attendees were invited to introduce themselves. New to the club: Mel AD7SN, Gary K8GJ, Dave KG7CVQ. Names not on club roster: Roy AB7FEG, WA6BU Jack and Kay, Manfred Steibli. Sherry, identification obscured, received (Technician) license.

**Proclamation Introduced by Mel N6BDC:** Ernie WB6HNA and Betsy K6XF Cummings nominated for lifetime membership in consideration of their contributions to the club and including a \$30.00 gift certificate to Sizzler Restaurant. Motion by Joe Steiner NO6N, Second by Bob Shipton K8EQC. Motion passed.

**Secretary Report:** Leo Zuercher KF7KXH: Secretary failed to bring minutes, to be read next meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West 050113, \$7931.29. Ending balance 053013, \$8004.42. Savings account: \$5.00 as required by CUW. Treasurer will begin transfer of funds from checking to savings to cover anticipated expenses.

**Membership:** Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported Tracy and Randy name badges will be mailed to them. Sherry received Ham License. Mike Covey reported 160 paid members.

**Repeater Trustee Report:** Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported that the repeater is being stressed by long transmissions, causing temperatures at the power amplifier in excess of 200c, output has been reduced to 30 watts, with nobody noticing, and appears to be holding there, temperature 130c. Extended discussion seems to have left it up to the controller on the knobby knee net (most consistent offender) to limit transmissions (no one wants to be the responsible individual when the transmitter fails)

Ten minute break at 7:58 pm. Fifty-fifty drawing won by Peter Fish KA7FEB, \$17.00. Back to business at 8:11 pm.

**Old Business:** Field day. Crises: Bob Rosevear will be out of town. Not clear who is responsible grill master. Provided menu: hamburgers and hot dogs. Club does not supply beer. No firearms. No free standing electrical generators. Left over food to go to a food bank, motion by Mike Covey and Bob Shipton, passed. Set up on Friday, volunteers: Eric, Richard, Mike C., Leo. Solar trailer Carol and KC8BOB, and backup W6RIJ.

**New Business:** None:

**Program:** None. Field Day discussion covered it all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm. Motion by Steve, second by Mel.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.