

VVARA Meeting 17 July 2013, Cottonwood Village Meeting Room, Cottonwood AZ

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Leo A. Zuercher, in the absence of President Eric Lash – held up in transit, at 7:pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: All attendees were invited to introduce themselves. Names not on club roster: W7PJ Pete, KE7QVL (W7PVL). No upgrades noted, two names undecipherable.

Secretary Report: read the minutes of the June meeting. Ernie K7IOG added Walmart donation of \$25.00 gift card for field day supplies.

Motion to approve minutes as corrected made by Mike Covey, seconded and passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer's Report by Mike Covey KF7KXL. Checking account balance as of 1 June 2013: \$7994.42, ending balance as of 30 June 2013: &7764.85. Savings account balance as of 1 June: \$249.00, ending balance as of 30 June: \$319.01. One cent interest noted. For more details, check the website at vvara.org. Motion to approve subject to audit by Marny KF7QXK, second by Bob KC8BOB, approved.

Motion by Mel N6BDC to approve the \$1263.42 for repeater power upgrade. Second by Jeff N7ZZN and passed.

President Eric Lash arrived and took charge of the meeting.

Old Business: Field day deemed a success with 500+ contacts.

Discussion on changing dues structure resulted in a vote to change to \$24.00 dues per family, pro-rated at \$2.00 per remaining month of first years dues for new members. Bylaws require more action before dues can be changed. Being held in abeyance until the board can initiate this action.

New Business: We need an ad hoc committee to determine where we meet each month until the DPS building is available. Mel was asked to head this committee, and he suggested the September meeting be held at Embry -Riddle. Discussion of meeting on Saturday deferred until September. Discussion on club donating to Yarnel fire relief. Motion by Jeff N7ZZN that we have no donation as a club, second by Marny KF7QVK, passed.

Break at 7:46 pm. 50/50 drawing won by Dave KG7CZQ, \$18.00.

Video appearance Eric W6RIJ and YARC President on Prescott TV.

President Eric Lash led a lengthy discussion of emergency response capabilities, Yarnel fire situation, safety and security during emergencies and Ham Radio contribution. Noted: Radio scanners to monitor frequencies and keep other hams informed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher, Secretary