

VVARA Meeting 16 October 2013, Cottonwood Village meeting room

The meeting was called to order by president Eric Lash at 7:10 pm, followed by Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 26 Club members present. Also in attendance: AA7OV Al Barber, K6PF Bob Kocisko, K7RJ Ron Jones*, N7BDZ Elaine Jones*, KB6MUN Bill Mundy* – technician license, N6VR Ray Benny, W6UND Mike Slawinski, W8AZL Ken Smith*. It was noted that KF7KXH Leo passed the Extra Class Exam.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 18 Sept 2013 meeting. Motion to accept by KF7KXL Mike, second by N7ZZN Jeff, passed,

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking 1 Sept: \$6341.54. Ending balance 30 Sept: \$6319.54. Savings account beginning balance: \$381.01. Ending balance 30 Sept: \$483.02. Ending Total: \$6802.56. Move to accept subject to audit by KF7QVK Marny, second by WB6ODR Bob, passed.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported “real” power to repeater, at a cost of \$1800. Noted that Telex Corp assisted with digging between the H frame and the building worth \$7200. Noted that MARS is functioning on Mingus, but cannot transmit because of interference to other systems.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported seven new members: W7SUA Tom, W8AZL Ken, K7RJ Ron, N7BDZ Elaine, KG7BGZ Josh Coleman, KF7YLH John Connel, KB6MUN Bill. 59% are members of ARRL.

Old Business: Liability Insurance. Recommended by Mike to change to Hayes Infinity (ARRL) at a cost of \$200 per year instead of \$320. Motion to make this change by K7GJP George, Second by Marny, accepted. Equipment insurance will be presented at the next meeting. Dues issue held for board action. KC8BOB Bob selected for head of nominating committee. Fall Festival chairman KF7KXL Mike reports we will assist on the 2nd of November. Members invited to assist.

Program: Requirements and techniques for station grounding presented by Mike Mladejovsky WA7ARK. Excellent coverage of lightning protection grounding with graphic descriptions of what lightning is, and practical suggestions for ham radio operators to use in their stations.

New Business: Card circulated for W2GAS Dick in rehab at Kachina Point.

50/50 drawing: Cheryl, amount not disclosed.

Auction conducted by Steve KC7TIL. 2 meter antenna: Eric W6RIJ \$10, GMRS radio pair: Elaine N7BDZ \$10, Box of wire: Eric W6RIJ \$10, Bundle of hamstick antennas: Mike W6UND \$25, SWR Analyzer model 17: Mike KF7KXL \$11, Box of connectors, etc.: Richard AF6PE \$6, Misc parts: Mike KF7KXL \$20, Misc parts: Al AA7OV \$26, 220MHz amplifier: Al AA7OV \$20, Mag mount antennas: Ken W8AZL \$26, Box of cables: Mike KF7KXH \$25, Bundle of antennas: Mike WA7ARK \$5, Bundle of antennas: Mike KF7KXH \$12, FT3000 radio: Mike W8AZL \$91.

Meeting terminated at 9:20pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.