

VVARA Meeting 15 January 2014, Cottonwood Public Safety Building

Meeting called to order by President Eric Lash W6RIJ at 7:01 pm, followed by Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visitors and Recent Upgrades: 32 Members present. New member: Chris Cone KG7GTZ and K6YFE.

Secretary Report: Secretary Leo Zuercher read the minutes from the November meeting. Motion to accept by Brian Whipp W7BNW, second by Mike Covey KF7KXL. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Period covered: 1 Oct Through 31 Dec 2013.

Beginning Balance: 1 October, Checking: \$6319.54, Savings: \$483.02, Total: \$6802.56

31 October, \$5692.04 \$881.02 \$6573.06

30 November, \$5337.63 \$881.02 \$6218.65

31 December, \$4657.60 \$1049.04 \$5706.64

Motion to accept subject to audit by Bob Smith WB6ODR, second by Mike Wingate WA6LSE.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Club owns two desk top Vertex base station repeaters, Query to Vertex revealed these units repeatedly failed, no power output. They were resold for parts only and were not designed to operate in the 2 meter band. (intended range 150-174 Mhz, max continuous duty: 25 watts). Receiver and exciter sections are good, problem is with the PA. Tech Committee will investigate replacing the PAs with GE units available to WA6LSE. Commendations to technicians for work accomplished and hours expended.

Membership: Bob KC8BOB reported 24 new members last year, most recent: Dan Wills K7RUF, Chris Cone KG7GTZ, Dave Arnst N7NRE (rejoined).

Old Business: Still need volunteers for the Sedona Marathon

New Business: Installation of officers. Welcome new officer Bob KC8BOB. Photo Op, no ceremony.

Need new meeting place, PDS is closing their room to public use. Discussion of options, Mel N6BDC will head a committee to look into giving Cottonwood Village a projection screen for past and future favors. Mike KF7KXL will check with the Rec Center.

Discussion of copyright infringement on the internet.

Fire wise training session in Prescott, 25 and 26 Jan.

Bylaws dues structure changed: Annual dues will be determined by the board with membership approval. Covers all members of the household, prorated by month for new members. Provision for associate memberships. Motion by Bob WB6ODR, second by Brian W7BNW, motion carried. Amounts specified by Bob WB6ODR, second by George K7GJP, motion carried.

Proposed ARRL Centennial Contest needs operators in AZ.

Break at 8:00 pm until 8:17. Drawing results: \$24.00 Cheryl KF7GCN (should forfeit, not signed in).

100 Years of ARRL. Centennial QSO party. Arizona has slots March 12 to 18, and August 27 to September 2, with W1AW/7 call. Ned WA7A selected as organizer, Bud N7CW is YARK liaison. Rules and rewards available through club. See QST, Dec 2013.

Program: Recorded program held over due to low audio.

Announcement: Norm N7VF and Ray KF7CYG in contact with an individual in eastern AZ who has three 55 ft towers and one 70 ft tower, all free standing crank-up, used but serviceable. Estimated cost is \$300 each including transportation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm. Respectfully submitted Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary