

VVARA Meeting 19 November 2014, in the meeting room at Nate's Cafe, Cottonwood

The meeting was called to order by president Bob Thompson KC8BOB at 7:02 pm.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 29 Club members present. New license to Donna Sherwin KG7PAK. Also in attendance: Barbara Lavaty offered Ham radio equipment, including antenna tower owned by her step father, Len Silvern, to the club.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 15 October 2014 meeting. Motion to accept by KC7TIL Steve, second by KF7KXL Mike, passed,

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking 1 Oct: \$6440.37. Ending balance 31 Oct: \$6184.30. Savings account beginning and ending balance \$1487.15. Ending Total: \$7671.45. Move to accept subject to audit by KF7KXH Leo, second by K2CRC Rick, passed.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported power distribution inside the building upgraded and new lights installed. LED lights were considered excessive cost, amount of use does not justify. Squaw Peak Site 30 year lease papers given to KC8BOB Bob for signature. The Squaw Peak Site is an 8' by 10' (predator) box, high enough to stand up in, insulated, with 19" racks, VHF repeater, 440 repeater, APRS Digi-peater, solar plant with 440Ah batteries, 180 watts of solar panels available. On concrete pad, perfectly level. Canadian Daniels equipment, on the air since '06. Replacement value of each repeater estimated at \$6000, total equipment \$14000. 2 meter transmitter is 25 watts, 440 MHz transmitter is 28 watts. Wide coverage on both repeaters, extending to Phoenix.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported membership steady at 161 members, 58.3% ARRL. Renewals coming up, \$24 per year per family.

Old Business: Noted that Judy Rosevear is in Yavapai Medical Center East for observation, room 2016. Christmas luncheon 13 Dec 2014 (12-13-14). Stone Ridge Country Club, Prescott Valley Payment needed to KF7KXL Mike by 1 Dec. Menu and accommodations described by KA7LKW Carol. Web Master Paul to be invited.

New Business: Elections: KF7KXH Leo accepted nomination as secretary, KF7KXL Mike as treasurer for another year. Nominated from the floor, AE7KQ Art Swiggers for Vice President. Elected by acclamation. KC8BOB Bob offered to continue as membership chairman. Office of president is still open.

Break at 7:43 pm, return at 7:52.

Program: JLC Jack, veteran of 147 balloon flights over 25 years, recounted the latest with pictures and descriptions of the balloon, parachute, and equipment packages. Pictures of launch, climb to altitude, balloon burst, descent and landing site. Absolutely spectacular pictures of the balloon burst.

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

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.