

## VVARA Meeting 21 January 2015 at Nate's Cafe, Cottonwood

Called to order by Bob Thompson, acting president, at 7:05pm, followed by Pledge Of Allegiance.

**Visitors and recent upgrades:** 37 Club members present. Also in attendance: W7LPV Mike Schmitt, XYLs Cathy Borham, Peggy Wingate, Helga Schweizer, and special guest Calia Dutton.

**Secretary Report:** Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 19 Nov 2014 meeting. Motion to accept by KF7KXL Mike, second by N6WCD Greg, passed.

**Treasurer Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking 1 Nov: \$6184.30. Ending balance 30 Nov: \$5945.85, ending balance 31 Dec: \$4957.23. Savings account beginning balance: \$1487.15. Ending balance 30 Nov: 1487.15, ending balance 31 Dec: \$1487.19. Ending Total: \$6405.42. Move to accept subject to audit by ?????, second by K7GJP George, passed.

**Repeater Technical Committee Report:** Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported roads impassible to the Mingus repeater, equipment functioning normally. Squaw Peak site battery pack indicates full charge by 11:00am. Minimal use of equipment. Road muddy but passable. Camp Verde Marshall's building left open, snow in the building.

**Membership:** Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported 3 new members: David Hesselshurt K7DKH, Wayne Richlie N7RAM, and Donna Sherwin KG7PAK. 58% ARRL members. 83 Members west of Mingus (51%), 68 members east of Mingus (42%), 12 members outside of the local area (7%). Total of 163members. Membership renewal time, \$24.00 per family.

**Old Business:** Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, Tucson area, coming March 20<sup>th</sup> to ride the Verde Canyon RR, would like to get together with some of our club for breakfast or lunch for face to face meeting and area orientation. Steve KC7TIL named Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI to fill the vacant office of president. Accepted by Wayne, and by the club by acclimation.

**New Business:** installation of officers: President: Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI. Vice President: Art Swiggers AE7KQ. Secretary: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH. Treasurer: Mike Covey KF7KXL. Member at large: Past President Bob Thompson KC8BOB. Marsha Rosenbarger N6SNW and Marny Zuercher KF7QVK recognized for accomplishments as past and current Sunshine Lady. Meeting time, day and location discussed. We will plan three meetings annually on the Pacific side, and look into Saturday morning meetings.

Break at 7:38pm, no drawing this month.

**Program:** WA7ARK Mike made an enlightening presentation of the care and feeding of lead acid batteries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.