

VVARA Meeting 021815 at Nate's Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood, AZ

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne Gilbertson at 7:05 pm, followed by Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 26 Club members present, including new member Arthur Enockson W6MUB, and two XYLS.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 21 Jan 2015 meeting. Motion to accept by KF7QVK Marny, 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 Jan 2015: \$4957.23. Ending balance 31 Jan: \$6250.29. Savings account beginning balance: \$1487.19. Ending balance: \$1790.19. Ending Total: \$8240.48. Move to accept subject to audit by W7BNW Bryan, second KA7LKW Carol, passed.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported road conditions and construction are creating difficulties at Mingus site. Paperwork for transfer of frequency coordination almost complete. Planning tech committee and interested parties visit to Squaw Peak site. Need climber to clean up hardware on antenna tower. Noted that Kerchunkers are in violation of FCC rules, and outlined possible counter measures. Linking of Squaw Peak and Mingus repeaters discussed. Arizona Repeater Assn is putting four new transmitters on Mingus, two 440, a 420 link and a two meter repeater. Repeater output 146.8220 Mhz, input 146.220MHz. Experienced climber present at meeting showed interest. Name not given.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported one new member, W6MUB Art. Dues are payable now. W7BNW Bryan led applause for Sunshine Lady KF7QVK Marny.

Old Business: Discussion of meeting location. Motion by KC7TIL Steve to hold January, May and September meetings on Prescott side of the mountain, second by AE7KQ Art, motion passed. Saturday morning meeting discussed, no decision. Green Valley radio club trip to Verde Canyon RR under discussion, primarily breakfast possibilities. Denny's looks best, information will be conveyed to them. Field day June 27 and 28. Gold Star notation: Bryan was right. Arrangements in progress, discussion of need for more than one overnight vehicle for safety. KC8BOB Bob and WA6LSE Mike will pursue.

New Business:

Break at 19:55, 50/50 drawing: \$10.00 to N6BDC Mel. Return to program at 20:05.

Program: History of free software (open source) movement. Video presentation

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH