

VVARA Meeting 17 June 2015, Nate's Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood AZ

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI, followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 20 Club members present. Also in attendance: Doug Dessero N6KHJ who presented the program, John Mitchell KG7EUI, Lang McGuire N7LXX and Pauletta McGuire, Tom Cloonan NC7FQ, and XYL Kathy Boreham

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 20 May 2015 meeting. Motion to accept by KF7KXL Mike, second by KF7QVK Marny, motion passed,

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking 1 May: \$6110.08. Ending balance 30 May: \$4434.42. Savings account beginning balance 1 May: \$2905.25. Ending balance 30 May: \$2905.25. Ending Total: \$7339.68. Move to accept subject to audit by KI6FH Rod, second by KF7GCO Tim, motion passed.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported W7EI Club Call now applicable to the Squaw Peak repeater, 30 year leases for both sites complete. TWIDs need to be changed. Mingus electrical complete. New fan assembly needed. New safety doors needed. Vertex repeaters are marginal, cannot provide sufficient power under continuous operation. Mike has negotiated an external amplifier from TPL Company to provide 60 watts output continuous with 2 to 10 watts in for \$616.00 (list price \$895 – 1095). Mingus site is allowed 65 watts, Squaw Peak is allowed 45 watts. Motion to purchase by AA7OV Al (?), second by KF7KXL Mike (?), motion passed. Yeasu repeater equipment returned to supplier as inadequate to our needs and misrepresented. Refer to “Yeastu Fusion System Yahoo Group” (internet?). Discussion of digital vs AMS FM on the Mingus repeater. Squaw Peak site visit still on.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported three new members: Tom Cloonan NC7FQ and XYL Terry; Lang McGuire N7LXX and XYL; Clyde Snyder WB7RXX. 162 Total membership, 58% ARRL members. 51 VVARA are also members of YARC.

Old Business: Field Day update: Authorized three overnight trailers, W7BNW Brian, KF7CYG Ray and one more. Set-up 3: pm Friday. Pot luck lunch noon Saturday, club providing meat, buns, water and soft drinks. Chef K7IOG Ernie and assistant WB7RRQ Bob in charge. KC8BOB Bob will take care of Carol's solar trailer and the canopies. Operators and loggers needed. Permits presented.

New Business: None.

Break at 7:39. 50/50 drawing, \$19.00 won by KI6FH Rod, returned to club to buy amplifier.

Program: Presentation by Doug Dessero N6KHJ : Developmental History of Television

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.