

VVARA Meeting 15 July 2015, Nate's Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood AZ

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 20 Club members present. Also in attendance: Guest Bill Baughman K6DWP.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the meeting of 17 June 2015. Corrections: K6XF Ernie Cummings corrected to K7IOG Ernie De Leon under Old Business: Field Day; Mike Covey call sign Corrected to KF7KXL in motion to accept Minutes. Motion to accept as corrected by KF7QVK Marny, second by WB6ODR. Accepted.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking as of 1 June 2015: \$4434.42. Ending balance as of 30 June: \$4727.87. Savings account beginning balance: \$2905.25. Ending balance: \$2905.33 . Ending Total: \$7633.20. Noted: \$100.00 anonymous donation to help pay for equipment repairs. Entire amount of Yeasu equipment purchase refunded. Move to accept subject to audit by WA6LSE Mike, second by Dan K7RUF. Motion approved.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: WA6LSE Mike reported everything working fine, orientation at the Squaw Peak site well attended, equipment call sign changed, equipment working well. Amplifier for the Mingus repeater due in next week, transceiver looks clean as a nine watt driver, available power should be increased from the current 42 watts to 56 watts. It was noted that some of the regulars on the knobby knee net have less than optimum signal quality into the repeater. Authorized radius of operation from Mingus site is 100 miles, Squaw Peak is authorized 45 miles.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported no change since last month.

Old Business: Field Day report summary: 28 attendees, estimated, operation category 1-alpha. 100 Bonus points for 100% emergency power, 100 points for set-up in public place, site visited by agency officials (National Forest Service) 100 points, plus 50 points for ?. QSOs: 326, with multiplier = 652 points. Contacts: 80m 5, 40m 258, 20m 60, 15m 3, with one contact by KE7DTS Starla. Thanks expressed to KF7CYG Ray, KB7TRC Gary, and K7IOG Ernie for operating for the majority of the contest, and to KF7CYG Ray, KC8BOB Bob and W7BNW Brian for overnighting with the equipment. KA7LKW Carol loan of solar trailer is always appreciated.

New Business: Initial planning for nominating new officers. No other new business.

Break from 7:27 to 7:37 pm. 50/50 drawing won by KG7GTZ Chris.

Program: Mike Wingate WA6LSE presented an overview of repeater installations, with descriptions of function of component parts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting same place at 7:00 pm 16 Sept 2015, preceded by no host dinner from 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.