

VVARA Meeting 21 Oct 2015, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Arizona

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: None, 23 Ham Operators present, including Forrest Murdoch WH6EAL and Clayton Jacobs KJ6QJS not on club roster.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 16 Sept 2015 meeting. Motion to accept by KF7QVK Marny, second by KA7LKW Carol. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking, 1 Sept 2015: \$5390.58. Ending balance, 30 Sept 2015: \$5297.55. Savings account beginning balance: \$2905.33. Ending balance: \$2905.41. Ending Total: \$8202.96. Move to accept subject to audit by KC8BOB Bob, Second by K7GJP George. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: KC8BOB Bob filled in for WA6LSE Mike who was celebrating his 39th anniversary. Since failure of the RF amplifier, the repeater has been operating at eight watts to the antenna, is now at 40 watts. The repaired amplifier was just received and will be returned to service shortly. A controller has failed and will be repaired, but the system remains functional. Forest Service requires a fire extinguisher at each repeater facility, this will be corrected,

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported one new member: Andrew Isbell K7DCT. Total: 165, 58% ARRL Members.

Old Business: KA7LKW Carol reported Christmas party 12 Dec, 11:00am – 2:30pm at the Stoneridge Country Club. Menu: Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala or Oven-Baked Chicken, with vegetarian option. Gift exchange (\$10.00).

New Business: Outgoing treasurer and secretary as well as membership chairman designated as nominating committee. Noted that HR1301, the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 under consideration concerns HOA restrictions on Ham antennas. Discussion opened on possible field trips to Verde Canyon RR and Lowell Observatory. Other suggestions invited. Discussion on disposal of old club records not required by law, and the missing Official Club Gavel. Rex Mauldin N7NGM, YARC Vice President, asked for computer equipment to support a club station in the Emergency Services building. Discussion of future programs for club meetings.

Break at 7:33pm. Winner of 50/50 drawing not revealed, Carol donated three aloe vera plants to the raffle. Returned to meeting at 7:49pm.

Program on VLF long range communications presented by WA7IGI Wayne showed antennas and equipment used and discussed how the system has been used.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.