

## **VVARA Meeting 20 January 2016, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott AZ**

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance.

**Visitors and recent upgrades:** 24 Club members present. No new members or upgrades. Guests: Eric Smith speaker from Prescott Recreation Services, Lisa Ferguson KK6AFC, Clayton Jacobs K?6QJS, Forrest Murdoch WH6FAL, Bill Jackson KC7ILX.

**Secretary Report:** Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 18 November 2015 meeting. Motion to accept as read by KF7KXL Mike, second by KF7QVK Marny. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, November beginning balance at Credit Union West checking \$5157.67. November ending balance \$5534.29, December ending balance \$4486.70. Savings account beginning balance: \$2950.41. Ending balance \$2950.49. Ending Total: \$7392.19. Move to accept subject to audit by KF7QVK Marny, second by N6WCD Greg. Motion carried.

**Repeater Technical Committee Report:** Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported, "It's Working." A processor board in one(?) controller failed, probably from electrical disturbance replacement purchased for \$290, waiting for snow to clear to return equipment to the site. Currently operating on the internal controller. New upgraded amplifier working great.

**Membership:** Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported roster reconciled with the treasurer. 136 members. 60% ARRL members.

**Old Business:** New officers accepted by acclamation: president: Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI; vice president: Art Swiggers AE7KQ; treasurer: Tim Henriksen KF7GCO. No replacement for secretary. KA7LKW Carol reported Christmas dinner was a success. Acknowledged by members present. Year Of Pluto Special Event 5-12 December at Lowell Observatory. Coordinator N7VF Norm reported a total of 4609 contacts from equipment set up on the observatory grounds, 100watt transmitter. Assisting operators: N7HVN Cathy and W7BJ(?) Dave, Doug Tombaugh, nephew of Clyde, Jack Crabtree W7JLC. Norm claimed about 1000 contacts, himself. 208 Certificates and 180 QSL cards sent out. KC7TIL Steve, WA7LKW Carol and KC8BOB Bob acknowledged for assistance rendered. Verde Canyon RR trip also a great success, reported by WA7LKW Carol.

**New Business:** Amateur Radio Parity Act now in Congress may improve amateur operator status in deed restricted (HOA) communities.

**Upcoming events:** Yuma Hamfest, Feb 19, 20 Yuma County Fairgrounds. This is also the 2016 Southwest Division convention. Eagle ARC and Yavapai ARC Hamfest Fri day, 10 June, noon to 5:pm and Saturday 11 June, 8:am to 5:pm at Embry-Riddle, many activities.

Break. 50/50 drawing.

**Program:** Eric Smith gave an interesting overview of hiking trails, trail destinations and recreational opportunities available through Prescott Recreation Services. Go to [prescott-az.gov/recreationservices](http://prescott-az.gov/recreationservices)

Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.