

VVARA Meeting 17 Feb 2016, Nate's Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood AZ

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI at 7:01 pm, followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 19 Club members present. Guests: Daniel N2ICF? And Terri Smithson brought by Peter Fish.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 20 January 2016 meeting. Motion to accept by KC8BOB Bob, second by KA7LKW Carol. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by WA7IGI Wayne in the absence of Mike Covey, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking \$4486.78. Ending balance \$4343.31. Savings beginning balance \$2905.49. Ending balance \$3989.49. Ending Total: \$8332.80. Move to accept subject to audit by WB6ODR Bob, second by KF7QVK Marny. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: WA6LSE Mike reported site equipment working well. Site not accessible due to road condition. Onions are in the ground for Field Day dining. He has a Daniels two meter repeater with UHF link built up for \$1000.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported 149 members. New member Michael Nesmith NP2LY. 60% ARRL.

Old Business: NEED NEW SECRETARY. Amateur Radio Parity Act still in committee in Congress. Yuma hamfest 19, 20 February.

New Business: We have been offered a free information booth at the Embry-Riddle. Hamfest by YARC, date not specified.

Dave Casler KE0OG training videos for Amateur Radio licenses, and <http://dcasler.com/ask-dave/> website with licensing information and general Ham Radio information “especially for newcomers” offered by WA7IGI Wayne with the first training video “Antenna Analyzers” presented to the group.

Motion by KC8BOB Bob to authorize use of PayPal to collect dues at a cost to the club of \$0.83 per transaction. Second by WA6LSE Mike.

Discussion on the board rewarding exceptional service to the club on a monetary basis. Decided: Does not violate our constitution, leave it for board action. Motion by KA7LKW Carol, second by N7VF Norm, Motion passed.

Break at 7:47, no tickets :: no 50/50 drawing. Return at 7:57.

Program: By WA6LSE Mike.

1. Echolink, VOIP - internet link between operator and radio transceiver.
2. Repeater ID.
3. Balloon Flight Communication and planning. 4. National Parks On the Air.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm. By president Wayne Gilbertson.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.