

VVARA Meeting 16 March 2016, 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: 23 Club members present. One visitor, Dean Gain KG7KJX

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 17 Feb 2016 meeting. Two corrections, (absent) treasurer is KF7GCO Tim, and the program was presented by W7JLC Jack, not WA6LSE Mike Motion to accept as corrected by KF7KXL Mike, second by KF7QVK Marny. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by WA7IGI Wayne in the absence of KF7GCO Tim, beginning balance at Credit Union West savings: \$3989.49. Ending balance: \$3989.49. Checking account beginning balance: \$4343.31. Ending balance: \$4937.55. Ending Total: \$8927.04. Move to accept subject to audit by KC8BOB Bob, second by N7VF Norm. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: WA5LSE Mike reported site working properly, now accessible by road. One controller replaced, two repaired. Replacement modules received for Squaw Peak and Mingus two meter and UHF equipment. Complete backup for on hand all VHF and UHF equipment. Special built used units purchased from forest service at greatly reduced price. Mike planning to visit Las Vegas and the International Wireless Communications Expo. Onions explained: last year's unfortunate weather resulted in crop failure, affecting field day onion supply. This year?? Club does not have a vertex radio programming cable – needed. Offered by club member.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported 145 members, 60% ARRL. Newest members are also most distant, KL7GRM David and WL7CGF Patricia Tremper of Soldatna, Alaska joined to be able to use club Echolink.

Old Business: Replacement secretary needed. Radio Parity Act still in congress. W7JLC Jack reported working 240 stations in about three hours from Organ Pipe NM and 112 parks confirmed. Anything run by National Park Service.

New Business: Prescott ham fest at ERAU in June. 12:N – 5:pm 10 June, 8:a – 5:p 11 June. YARC has offered us a free informational table. Motion by W7JLC to accept, second by WA6LSE Mike, carried. Ask Dave episode 2, 20 meter band operating by Dave Kestler KE0OG video played. More info, go to KE0OG.net Discussion of morning meeting possibility. Break at 7:53. 50/50 winner: Marsha Rosenbarger N6SNW \$20.00. End break at 8:07. Program by Loren Singh AE7CG: “The Fun Of CW Operating” from early days forward: equipment, antennas, amateur radio license requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Temporary Acting Secretary.