

VVARA Meeting 20 April 2016 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ

The Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI at 7:03 p.m. followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 26 members present. No new members or upgrades. Guests: Leo KF7KXH's sister Rosalie from Iowa and Forest Murdoch, WH6EAL .

Secretary Report: Leo Zurcher, KF7KXH read the minutes 16 March 2016 meeting. Motion to accept as read by Greg, N6WCD, seconded by Bob, K8EQC. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Tim Henrikson, KF7GCO. March beginning balance at Credit Union West savings \$3,989.49. March ending balance \$ 3,989.59. Checking beginning balance \$ 4,937.55. Ending balance \$4265.61. Total checking and savings \$8,255.20. Motion to accept as read by Bob, K8EQC, seconded by Art, AE7KQ. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report:

Bob Thompson reported that Mike, WA6LSE recently tested the signal strength of the RF output from the repeater and that it had not changed. The committee will be going up to the site in a few weeks.

Membership Chairman Report: Bob, KC8BOB reported that David and Tricia Tremper from Soldotna, Alaska are now new members, and joined for the e-link connection from Alaska to Arizona. David is the son of former member Joan Tremper, AB7KE and current member Charlie Tremper, KC7AJM.

Old Business: Club President Wayne, WA7IGI said the club needs a secretary per the bylaws. The same individual can only hold the office for three consecutive years. Norm, N7VF asked if the position could be split between two people. Greg, N6WCD suggested putting the minutes on the website and not reading them at the meeting. Wayne, WA7IGI suggested e-mailing a copy of the minutes to all members prior to the meeting. Jack, W7JLC suggested assigning the job to the club's Vice President. Bob Shipton, K8EQC volunteered to take the job as Secretary. Motion to accept Bob, K8EQC's offer was made by Steve, KC7TIL. Seconded by Norm, N7VF. Motion carried.

Having daytime meetings was discussed, one reason being to avoid nighttime driving. A suggestion was made to hold the May meeting in the day as a test.

Amateur Radio Parity Act was mentioned with nothing new to report at this time.

Norm, N7VF reported he had made 2000 contacts from Montezuma Castle N.M. for the NPOTA special event.

Wayne, WA7IGI reported that preparations for the Prescott Hamfest are as follows: Display table will include an updated poster, brochures with new pictures, and a statement of the clubs mission, information about our two repeaters. Table and power issues were also discussed. Forest

Murdoch, WH6EAL, President of the Eagle Amateur Radio Club showed a map of the hamfest layout regarding tailgating, parking, and indoor vendor locations. Forest stated to contact Bill, NOE, W7PVA@ arrl.net and or the, YARC website at prescotthamfest@erau.org for more information or questions regarding the event. They are still looking for volunteers to help with the event.

Bob Thompson, KC8BOB reported that application for a use permit of the Mingus Mountain parking lot at the saddle on 89A for Field Day was submitted to the PNF.

New Business: Bob, K8EQC reported that he has been monitoring an Oathkeepers net on the 147.220 club repeater on Sunday nights at 8:15 p.m. They seem to have some stations checking in using only the output of the repeater. He suggested we could help them to use correct operating procedures when using a mountaintop wide coverage area repeater such as ours for nets. He also asked if this group had requested permission from the club to use the 147.220 for their net?

Greg, N6WCD also stated they were using the local ARES/RACES repeater on 145.290, and that they were using Owsheng type radios to work FRS frequencies. Also that the Nets had a large number of check ins.

Break at 8 p.m. Tony, KI6FH won the 50/50 drawing.

Program: Steve, KC7TIL gave an interesting presentation on a recent 4x4 trip with several hams up to the Vultee crash site on the Mogollon Rim at East Pocket. The presentation included, maps along with older and recent photos of the crash site and visiting teams.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Shipton, K8EQC,
VVARA Secretary.