

VVARA Meeting 18 May 2016, Nates Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood, AZ.

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI at 7:01 p m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: 18 members present, no new members or upgrades. Guest: Gary Paster, W6LPR.

Secretary Report: Robert Shipton, K8EQC read the minutes 20 April 2016 meeting. Motion to accept as read by Mike, WA6LSE, seconded by Norm, N7VF. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Wayne, WA7IGI. Savings \$ 3989.59, Withdrawals \$0, balance \$ 3989.59. Checking \$ 4265.61, Withdrawals \$ 136.00, . Deposits \$116.00. balance \$ 4245.61. Total Checking and Savings, \$ 8235.20. Motion to accept as read by Art, AE7KQ. Seconded by Mike, KF7KXL. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report:

Mike, WA6LSE reported the following:

Mike attended the Mingus Mountain users meeting on May 12th. The annual tech inspection will be on September 14, where checks are made for violation of technical standards. The MARS radio currently at the site is being changed out.

Mike then stated our radio club has a problem. Four weeks back the FCC was in the Chino area chasing a studio uplink issue that turned out to be a transmitter on a water tank causing interference. The two FCC agents and Mike, while waiting for a third agent to meet them for breakfast in Prescott Valley, were listening to the Knobby Knee Net and heard three amateurs saying the following: one was not identifying his station correctly, the second one was using profanity, and the third person was saying sexual innuendo phrases along with foul language.

Mike stated that this is not CB, and this needs to be cleaned up as a group. It needs to go away. Mike said that net controls, when opening up the KKN, need to mention that off color remarks, profanity and sexual innuendo will not be tolerated on either of the club's two mountain top repeaters. WA7IGI said an E- mail will go

out reminding all club members of proper operating procedures and respect for all amateurs. The FCC said it's the club's responsibility to control its own repeater.

Membership Chairman report: Wayne, WA7IGI reported that there are no changes.

Amateur Radio Parity Act: Wayne, WA7IGI said there was no new news.

Norm, N7VF reported that the National Parks on the Air special event is all about fun, and can be worked both ways from the park, representing the N.P. site or from your home station trying to work as many as you can in the yearlong event.

Old Business:

Regarding the Prescott Hamfest, Wayne, WA7IGI said club volunteers will man the VVARA booth from noon until 5 p.m. on June 10th and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 11th. The club will be assigned a table in the Student Union. Our table will receive two free admissions for each day. Mel, N6BDC suggested we buy six extra tickets for volunteers. Wayne stated volunteers can work one hour shifts. He suggested that an E-mail request be sent out to all members to fill the time slots. Wayne presented the updated club brochure telling about our club. He said the club banner, table sign, FCC and ARRL handouts and two placards will be at the booth. He then showed a slide detailing the seminar schedule for the hamfest.

New Business:

Randy, K6YFE announced that a parking lot sale of refurbished computers and related items will be held at the lot across from Tractor Supply on May 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., proceeds to go to the Old Town Mission Thrift Store.

Wayne, WA7IGI discussed the daytime monthly meeting idea. He suggested that we meet in the daytime during the months of Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, and March, and keep the nighttime meetings for April, May, June, July and September due to all the public service activities that members are involved with in the spring and summertime. Mel, N6BDC made a motion to accept as an experiment. Mike, WA6LSE second it. Motion to accept passed.

Wayne, WA7IGI tabled discussion of Field Day until the club meeting on June 15th. He did state that Bob Thompson, KC8BOB has filed a request for a use permit of the Mingus parking lot area on 89A with the PNF.

Ray Petersen, KF7CYG gave an interesting presentation with graphics, titled "Long Distance Microwave Radio." He detailed the components and batteries that make up a microwave site, including waveguides, horns and photos of various sites that he worked at.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Robert Shipton, K8EQC
VVARA Secretary.