

VVARA meeting 20 July, 2016, Nate's Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood, AZ.

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m. by VP Art Swiggers, AE7KQ, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades. 11 members present, no guests, no new members, no recent upgrades.

Secretary report: Bob Thompson read the minutes submitted by Bob, K8EQC, of the 15, June, 2016, meeting. Motion to accept as read by Mike, KF7KXL, seconded by Norm, N7VF, and motion carried.

Treasurer report: Bob Thompson read the report submitted by Tim, KF7GCO for June 1, to June 30th, 2016. Savings beginning balance \$3989.59, deposits \$.10 ending balance, \$3989.69, checking, \$3711.64, withdrawal, \$-61.36, deposits \$32.00, ending balance \$ 3687.28. Total checking and savings \$7,676.97. Motion to accept by Marnie, KF7QVK, seconded by Norm, N7VF, and motion carried.

Technical Team Report: Bob Thompson gave the report due to Mike, WA6LSE, recovering from a pulmonary study yesterday. Mike is unable to go above 5000 ft. elevation to the repeater site at this time. New meds may lift that restriction, and a recent med showed a 30% improvement in pulmonary efficiency on Mike. Bob reported the repeater is doing fine. Recent complaints regarding offenders' on-air behavior has shown improvement, with an occasional slip of a word. Mike, WA6LSE, has installed a 24/7 voice recording of transmissions upon key up of the repeater. This will help with documentation if further enforcement is necessary. Mike has a new external controller ready for installation at the Mingus site.

Membership report: Current membership is 144. ARRL club membership is at 90, or 70%. The July meeting had a small turnout and Bob, KC8BOB, along with others wondered why we have meetings in July with so many being gone.

New Business: Bob, KC8BOB, mentioned the upcoming ANSR balloon launch from the Williams Hamfest, and detailed the latest flight predictions. Norm, N7VF, mentioned the NPOTA special event, in conjunction with NADXA, will have a ham station set up at the Grand Canyon Railways train depot located at the park's south rim. Just show proof of license to operate the station.

Old business: Art, AE7KQ, continued discussion on a public storage unit for VVARA club property. Bob, WB7RRQ, also talked about the advantage of having all the club equipment, banners, etc., being in one storage location, and will check on locations and rental costs. Art, AE7KQ, mentioned the possibility of interested members getting together for a kayaking outing. Bob, WB7RRQ, reported on field day, with about 50 people attending, and approximately 500 contacts were made using emergency power during the 24-hour exercise. Those attending enjoyed the picnic with plenty of food served to all.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.