

VVARA Meeting November 16, 2016, Nate's Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood, AZ

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI, at 7:10 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### VISITORS AND RECENT UPGRADES:

21 members present. Two new members. No upgrades. One guest present, Will, AD7WW.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bob, K8EQC, read the minutes of 19 October 2016 meeting. Motion to accept by Carol, KA7LKW, seconded by Marnie, KF7QVK . Motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was given by Tim, KF7GCO. Savings \$3989.80. Withdrawals \$0. Deposits \$0. Ending balance \$3989.80. Checking beginning balance, \$3322.88. Withdrawals \$50.27. Deposits \$49.00. Ending balance \$3321.61. Total checking and savings \$7311.41. Motion to accept by Bob, KC8BOB. Seconded by Leo KF7KXH. Motion carried. Tim mentioned that 2017 dues can be paid now; or by using Pay-Pal; or can be sent to the club's P.O. Box in Cornville.

#### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bob, KC8BOB reported the 147.220 repeater is working fine, and that Mike WA6LSE had surgery and is making progress with his recovery.

Bob, KC8BOB removed the Army MARS repeater from our Mingus site. A new MARS repeater will be installed by Dave Hensen from YARC, who is replacing Dick Hauser. Dick Hauser is moving out of state. Bob is going to meet Dave for the install as Mike, WA6LSE is altitude limited at this time. Dave will be responsible for the MARS repeater going forward.

#### MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Bob KC8BOB stated that we have 163 club members, of which 59% are ARRL members. Two new members present were Ron Akers, KG7TTH and Dottie Akers, KG7RGG. Three new members were added last month and four joined the club in September.

#### AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT:

Wayne WA7IGI read a letter from the ARRL regarding the Parity Act and the importance of sending a letter to either Congress or the Senate urging a vote for the Parity Act. This would be HR 1301 and Senate Bill 252. The letter was forwarded to our membership with an e-link. Wayne requested that we all act on this, and then indicated growing problems with antenna restrictions.

## NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR REPORT:

Norm, N7VF and Jack, W7JLC were not present for an update.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Wayne, WA7IGI asked the Nominating Committee Chairman, Bob, WB7RRQ for his report.

Nominating Committee Chairman Robert Rosevear, WB7RRQ read the slate of officers for 2017. The slate is as follows: Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI President; Mike Rhodes, KG7LMJ Vice President; Robert Shipton, K8EQC Secretary; and Tim Hendrickson, KF7GCO Treasurer. No other nominations were made from the floor. The vote was taken and the slate passed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne, WA7IGI, announced that a Kenwood T-281, 2 meter transceiver has been donated to the club by Bill Burkett, KE7IXS. Carol, KA7LKW, mentioned that raffle tickets were being sold, and that a drawing for the radio would be held at the Christmas party. Members would not have to be present to win.

Carol described the beautiful Christmas decorations for the party, and the reasonable price for the luncheon. David, N7NRE mentioned that a larger party room would be available in the future at Stoneridge.

Bob, KC8BOB read a list of ham equipment being sold by club members Russ and Susie Beach, and that the final prices were still being worked out. Bob also stated that Ken Mall had a number of antique pieces of test equipment for sale. See Bob for both lists.

After the break a short video was shown titled "Ask Dave." Dave Casler explained different setups for your amateur radio station, including antenna tuning, etc. Wayne presented two short videos detailing underwater submariner training, in lieu of our guest speaker who was unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Robert Shipton, K8EQC  
VVARA Secretary