

VVARA Meeting February 15, 2017, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Cottonwood, AZ

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI, 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carol, KA7LKW reported club member Red, KB5AJH of Camp Verde had passed away on January 28th, 2017 from complications with diabetes.

He was a tribal medicine man from the Apache Nation, spoke fluent Spanish and was a long distance bike rider. The membership held a moment of silence in his remembrance.

VISITORS AND RECENT UPGRADES:

24 present. No new members Guests were David, KI7JTE new ham and potential member, WB8BHK, Herb from Ohio.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bob, KC8BOB, read the minutes of January, 2017 meeting. Motion to accept by Carol KA7LKW, seconded by Mike, KF7KXL. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was given by Tim, KF7GCO.

Savings \$3,989.91. Withdrawals \$0. Deposits ending balance \$3,989.91.

Checking beginning balance \$3,103.34 Withdrawals \$ 122.75, Deposits \$ 528.00. Ending balance \$3558.59.

Total checking and savings \$ 7548.50.

Motion to accept by Mike, KF7LMJ, Seconded by Leo, KF7KXH. Motion passed.

Tim mentioned the surcharge from Pay Pal of \$1 for each membership dues transaction, and that PayPal is working good for our club.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bob, KC8BOB reported that the 147.220 repeater is working fine and that Matt; N7YIO accepted the invitation from the technical committee to head up the group. Tim went up to the Squaw Peak Repeater site and pulled three batteries of the four down that had discharged to 5 volts for evaluation and bench charging. The four batteries date code is 2008. The three were put back into service and may have to be replaced. It was suggested that a low voltage cutoff be purchased and installed. A motion was made by Ray, KD7CYG to purchase the cutoff, seconded by Bob, KC8BOB. Motion passed.

Membership Chairman Report:

Bob, KC8BOB report we have 163 members

OLD BUSINESS:

Wayne, WA7IGI said that we have six meetings in Cottonwood per year, and three in Prescott with no meetings in July and August.

Wayne reported that since Nate's is closed he has been working with his church on using their meeting room for six meetings per year.

The Church council is working on a facility usage document and should have that done soon, and that for now we can meet at the church again in March and will know by the end of February if it is approved as a permanent meeting place on the Cottonwood side.

Wayne proposed that we pay the same rate of \$35.00 per hour for two hours as asked for by Yavapai Community College Cottonwood campus, to the Church as a donation which totals six meetings at two hours each for a total of \$420 per year.

Wayne, WA7IGI mentioned that the light meeting turnout tonight was mainly due to several club members attending the SW ARRL Convention and Hamfest in Yuma.

Wayne talked about the upcoming 2017 Prescott Hamfest upcoming in June. Our club has been offered a free 3ft x 6ft table and two chairs for a VVARA Information booth, to be staffed Saturday only, they requested we do not sell or raffle anything from the booth. Registration can be done online at their website.

Wayne mentioned that the ARRL field day will be on June 24th and 25th this year. Bob, KC8BOB said he would apply to the PNF for the special use permit.

After the break, Bud Semon, N7CW, gave a presentation titled, "Voodudes go south" A DXpedition to Suriname (formerly Dutch Guyana)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Robert Shipton, K8EQC
VVARA Secretary