

17 Jan 2018 VVARA Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting turned over to incoming President Mike Rhodes K7LMJ who in turn presented the program team: Debra Jackson KI7IOV, Trevor Page KI7IPU with a presentation on the Embry Riddle Eagle-Sat Program, a student cube satellite program intended to provide experience in all aspects of designing, building, launching and analyzing a near space satellite, and conduct scientific research. Program synopsis attached to file minutes copy.

Break: At 37 minutes. 50/50 drawing brought \$15 to the club, winner not identified. Return to meeting at 47 minutes.

Visitors and recent upgrades: Guest JoAnn Newman with Charles Newman KI7PWE. One license upgrade, General, Ray Kolman KI7COM also checked in as a guest, along with Bob Smith WB6ODR, as did KJ7ON Jon Lee, Tina Lee KI7HJV and Carolyn Hills KA7LKW. New member, new License: Don Sears N7PLL. Total Sign in 31.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the November 2017 meeting. Motion to accept by Marny Zuercher KF7QVK, second by Carol Hills KA7LKW. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by President Mike Rhodes in the absence of treasurer KF7GCO Tim

Checking Beginning Balance: \$3021.31

Checking Ending Balance: \$2305.19

Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$3990.22

Savings Account Ending Balance: \$3990.33

Savings Account Total Balance: \$6295.52

Move to file for audit and discussion of detail presented resulted in hold on the report.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Repeater function normal, less interference from 147.000 machine. ARES RACES interest in installing Winlink equipment at Squaw Peak on hold for now developments such as Mesh Wi-Fi. Controlled Burns on Mingus. Use **regional info-alert.org** to follow. Discussion on linking Mingus and Squaw Peak repeaters not resolved.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported no significant change.

Old Business: Discussion of Christmas dinner, and same venue and price next year, possible buffet. Thank you Carol Hills KA7LKW. Possibility of sharing dinner hosting with Verde Valley side, no suitable venue determined. Noted: Carol's solar trailer will be stored at Mannix Solar in Chino Valley.

New Business: Carol Hills KA7LKW discussed plaques to recognize individuals who contribute to the VVARA. She gave some out at the Christmas dinner, cost to who? 2018 Hamfest at Embry-Riddle, June 1st and 2nd. We are registered. Pick up banner from YARC. Presentations will be scheduled better. ARRL AZ State convention and Amateur Radio Council of AZ will have their annual meeting at Hamfest. ARRL Field Day, June 23rd and 24th. Expect better operation from improved antenna. Possibility of paying dues for more than one year mentioned, more after coordination with treasurer. Received donated Baufung radio for raffle in June, tickets for sale.

Round table introductions for new members and guests, and the rest of us.

Silent Keys 2017: Mike Wingate WA6LSE, Russ Sherwin AD6ZL, Walter Schumann KF6SPS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.