

21 Feb 2018 VVARA Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Rhodes K7LMJ at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors and recent upgrades: Pete Belanus from Camp Verde, Jack and Terry Evans of Clarkdale, Don McClimany. No upgrades.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 17 Jan 2018 meeting. Noted that ODR Bob won the 50/50 drawing. Motion to accept by Carol KA7LKW, second by Marny KF7QVK. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report by treasurer KF7GCO Tim,

Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$2305.19 **Ending Balance:** \$2675.32

Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$3990.33 **Ending Balance:** \$3990.33

Checking and Savings Accounts Ending Total: \$6665.65

Explanation by treasurer of expenses concerning Christmas dinner. Noted by president that bylaws require January audit following elections. It was determined that future Christmas dinners will be arranged by a committee of no less than three members. Possible pairing with YARC will be investigated. It was noted by KI6FH Rod and N6SNW Marsha that no comparable venue was found on the Verde side. **Paid Membership** 94 plus 9 **Complimentary** and 2 **New Members** for a **Total** of 105. A motion was made by KF7QVK Marny, seconded by KC8BOB Bob to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Mingus repeater continues to operate normally. Squaw Peak repeater functional. Waiting for ARES/RACES to decide what they are going to do. May be a digipeater for the Verde Valley, they have offered a battery and a solar panel for the site.

Membership: KC8BOB Bob reported members from last year and this year combined total 140.

Old Business: Multiple year memberships discussed. Deferred.

Revive newsletter – quarterly. Send any pertinent items to Mile K7LMJ.

Echolink. Recommendation by KC7TIL Steve, new Echolink mentor: Replace computer with Echolink designed computer, test all batteries at link and repeater and replace as necessary. Estimated \$1K. Tabled for next meeting.

New Business: Recognition plaque for WA7IGI Wayne.

Break: 7:51 PM 50/50 winner \$18.00, Jack Evans.

Program: Gary Stouder K9SG demonstrated and described a transmitting station he and four other individuals built in Indiana that has control equipment for several installed transmitters and receivers and its own version of Echolink to provide communications to and from virtually anywhere. Emphasis was on the antenna arrays, switching capabilities and internet access difficulties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.