

21 Mar 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: Extracted from sign in and introduction round, two new members: Pete Belanis and Randy Skrypek AC7AJ. Two visitors: Karen Belanis and Jim Sender. No upgrades.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the November 2017 meeting. Motion to accept by Bob Shipton K8EQC, second by Carol Hills KA7LKW. Motion carried.

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

Checking Beginning Balance: \$2675.32

Checking Ending Balance: \$3551.20

Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$3990.33

Savings Account Ending Balance: \$3990.33

Ending Total: \$7541.53

Working on assembling audit team. Move to accept by Norm Vandiver N7VF, seconded by Marsha Rosenbarger N6SNW, motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Matt Dutton N7YIO reports Mingus repeater function normal, replaced batteries (8% capacity) with donated used batteries having 90% capacity remaining. We have more donated batteries that can be used at Squaw Peak or other locations. Steve Pearson KCTIL reports EchoLink operational, recommends operating on full 12 volt battery power with charging system to prevent loss of components (computer) from momentary power loss. Recommended to buy a "Raspberry Pi" signal interface. Bob Smith WB6ODR proposed an EchoLink designed "Nano Node" instead. Bob Shipton K8EQC thanked Greg Allen N6WCD for the donated batteries, and Bob Smith WB6ODR for years of providing EchoLink backup.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported two new members, T Randal Dydal N7ZDW, wife Janet KD6AYS of Lake Havasu, Jack Evans. Also Steve Chutni? WB7DVT?, total 145.

Old Business: Hamfest volunteers – Bob Rosevear WB7RRQ: Too far off, Tony Jackson K6PSR will do parking.

Reminder: ARRL AZ State Convention and Amateur Radio Council of AZ will hold their annual meetings there.

Field Day will be June 23rd and 24th, permit request submitted.

Christmas dinner – options list will be circulated for club selection. Cost \$22 per person.

Rehash of old discussion.

Motion by Steve Pearson KCTIL: Cost of dinner ticket to be actual cost, including dinner, tax and gratuity. Deferred to board for action. Noted, Randall's in Cottonwood will cater, in house after hours (2:00pm), or outside, probably for considerably less, and they are good! Gift exchange on optional basis.

New Business: Discussed in combination with Old Business.

Break: Start 7:38 End 7:53. 50/50 drawing: Who? How much?

Program: Don Sears N7PLL, NBC for thirty years, nine Olympics. Technical support for editing systems. Photos, discussion and descriptions, primarily of banks of equipment used on Seoul S. Korea Olympics.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.