

VVARA Meeting 18 April 2018

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:

Visitors: Steve Harrie, No Call and Michael Fusco, KE0NZE were introduced by Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGL.

Announcements: Greg Allen N6WCD requested assistance with Ham Radio demonstration for Young Marine Campout at Gunsight Saturday 21 April, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Kathy Krause KI7IOY reviewed Field Day activities at Embry Riddle.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 21 March 2018 meeting. Motion to accept by Ernie De Leon K7IOG, seconded by Bob Shipton K8EQC motion carried.

Noted: Bob Rosevear WB7RRQ won the 50/50.

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

Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$3551.20

Checking Account Ending Balance: \$3375.11

Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$3990.33

Savings Account Ending Balance: \$3990.43

Ending Total: \$7365.54

Accounts Audit scheduled for Friday. Move to accept by KC8BOB Bob, seconded by another Bob Smith WB6ODR.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported no progress on ARES/RACES Repeater at Squaw Peak. Repeaters working okay. Trip up to Squaw Peak site probably in May: Check out batteries.

Membership:

Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported: Total membership: 145. Present at meeting: 33.

Old Business: Plaque presented to Bob Shipton K8EQC, to recognize his past and continuing contribution to the VVARA.

Bob Rosevear WB7RRQ reported: Hamfest is covered, volunteers, banner, brochures. Food will be provided in the building.

Reminder: ARRL State Convention and the Amateur Radio Counsel of Arizona annual meetings will be held there concurrently.

New Business: Field Day, 23 and 24 June. Need someone to pick up meat and to cook. Looking for volunteers, or alternative suggestions.

Repeater Interference: Learn where your Reverse Frequency Button is so we can narrow the search pattern.

Break at 7:31 PM

Radio raffle and 50/50 drawing tickets on sale.

Noted: Ernie De Leon K7IOG won the 50/50.

Break end at 7:43

Program: Jack Crabtree W7JLC Meteor Scatter Communications. Descriptions of meteors, meteor showers, ionized trail communications and history, and how meteor scatter communication is accomplished.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.