

VVARA Meeting 19 September 2018

Meeting called to order by President Mike Rhodes K7LMJ at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: One guest: Tom, studying for Technician License, listening on radio (KK Net?). Upgrade: Francis E Lovering KI7ZWA and John Evans KI7YNK to General.

Secretary Report: K8EQC Bob Shipton read the minutes from the June 2018 meeting. Radiation plot for both repeaters, year given as 2018 corrected to 2016. Motion to accept by KA7LKW Carol Hills, second by N6SNW Marsha Rosenbarger. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by treasurer KF7GCO Tim Henriksen. Audit of sorts performed by Tom Cloonan NL7FQ and Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH to cover 2016 and 2017 years.

Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$1691.23

Checking Account Ending Balance: \$1141.85.

Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$3990.43.

Savings Account Ending Balance: \$3990.53.

Total Accounts Balance: \$5132.38.

Motion to accept as read by Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH, second by KA7LKW Carol Hills
Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Matt Dutton N7YIO reported Mingus repeater one was serviced by CNN Communications in Payson. Niles Radio assisted cable testing from duplexer to antenna and the duplexer. Ground rods, clamps etc. and backup batteries were replaced. Matt's contacts held costs to zero. Motion by KC8BOB Bob Thompson to allocate money to buy a new antenna. Seconded and carried. Yeasu has combined with Motorola and is selling a digital/analog repeater transceiver exclusively to clubs for half price on a (an outdated) promotion. Motion by KC7TIL Steve Pearson to allocate \$850 to purchase one if it can be obtained for this price, second by WB7RRQ Bob Rosevear. Motion carried. KC7TIL Steve Pearson will investigate. \$200 donation to this noted, donor not identified. Donated Baufung DM5R+ with accessories for raffle received, tickets now on sale, \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Mike Rhodes K7LMJ has some equipment to donate for fund raising, and asked anyone else who can do so follow suit to replenish our coffers. WinLink ready to install equipment on squaw peak. Matt and crew cleaned up antenna tower and grounding rods.

Membership: KC8BOB Bob Thompson reported new member W7IAM Dave Harreld, total membership remains at about 150.

Old Business: Field day: Lot of people, good weather, submarine sandwiches. WA7ARK Mike Mladejovsky re-worked the antenna, improving performance. W7JLC Jack Crabtree led the operations, and KA7LKW Carol Hills was thanked for the use of her solar trailer. Route 66 On the Air, Grand Canyon Caverns events and Harvey House mentioned. Forms submitted to Forest Service and FCC for both repeater sites to continue use.

New Business: Covered under Technical and Old Business.

Break: 7:48 to 7:56

Program: KG7LKI Rob Redford presented a comprehensive program on Mesh Networking

50/50 drawing winner: N6SNW Marsha, \$18.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:02

Submitted by KF7KXH Leo A. Zuercher, Secretary.