

**Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association
Board Meeting 04/05/18
Annie's Restaurant, Cottonwood, AZ**

Members Present: Mike Rhodes K7LMJ **President**
Bob Shipton K8EQC **Vice President**
Leo Zuercher KF7KXH **Secretary**
Tim Henriksen KF7GCO **Treasurer**
Bob Thompson KC8BOB **Membership Chairman**
Matt Dutton N7YIO **Technical Committee**

Topics Discussed

Christmas dinners:

Complimentary Dinners: VVARA will provide to members who have contributed generously to club activities. Bob Shipton K8EQC proposed a limit of three complimentary dinners in one year.

Dinner Price: Mike Rhodes K7LMJ suggested raising the dinner price to \$24 to reduce the club expense.

Resolution: Not contested.

Note: Does this require a membership vote since \$22 was somewhat agreed on at the March meeting?

Noted: That the dinner options are to be narrowed to two by vote of participants.

Hamfest: Volunteers needed. Food to be obtained on site.

Field Day: Food discussed. No resolution.

Carolyn Hills KA7LKW to lend her solar trailer for field day.

Sun shades: Mike Rhodes K7LMJ noted sale of like items at Big 5. No volunteers.

Meeting Program: Mike Rhodes K7LMJ has projector (w/bulb) and has picked up a 60" by 80" screen.

Echolink: Steve Pearson KC7TIL has obtained a battery charger for the station equipment. Raspberry Pi and Nano node discussed for internet link. Both are expensive and require a computer to program. Paul Compton WA7US can obtain newer twelve volt computers. Matt Dutton N7YIO will check out lightning arrestor for the station antenna.

Site Batteries: Greg Allen N6WCD supplied two used CND Model TL-125 batteries for the Mingus site. Much discussion on types and capabilities of sealed and flooded batteries and system metering. Spill containment mentioned. Grandfathered flooded batteries as replacements must be spill protected. ARES/RACES at Squaw Peak is planning their own batteries and solar system. Matt has info on 90Amp/Hr Marathon battery for them. Thank you to Matt Dutton N7YIO for his work on batteries.

Membership: Paid-Up – Just over 100. Stagnant, many non-attending. Multi-year membership rejected as an unnecessary complication.

Prospective Members: Visitors and interested individuals are welcomed, but little more. Possible team, welcoming package pointing out club activities (balloon launches and chases, participation in races, repeaters we maintain and operate, Echolink connection, Hamfest and field day, rescue operations, informational programs at meetings.) Schedule license classes and schedule or arrange testing.

Current Program: Meteor scatter communications by Jack Crabtree W7JLC 18 Apr 2018.

Newsletter: Possibly quarterly, to inform non-attending and prospective members, and our active members of current club activities.

Oath Keepers on Repeater: Open repeater, so as long as they do not violate any rules, nothing to object to. Some of our members are associated. (I listened to a speech, not too impressed, but their stated goals sound good). Allen Krause KI7ALL asked permission to use the repeater at an earlier meeting.

Language On The Repeater: Ted Harston WA8ULG has taken exception to being asked to tone down language. Knoby Knee Net is not part of Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association, but is hosted by the club. For future action.

Meeting lasted 1 Hr. 38 Min.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher, Secretary