

VVARA MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019 at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Clarkdale, Arizona

Meeting called to order by President Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI at 7:00, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Wayne then asked all attendees to introduce themselves. 29 people were signed in on the roster, one of these was not heard in the introductions, and two were heard but not on the roster to make it 31 in attendance

Visitors and recent upgrades: Not called

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the March 2019 meeting. Motion to accept by N6WCD Greg, second by K8EQC Bob. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Don Sears N7PLL. Ending balance all accounts: \$4,824.28. Motion to approve by KA7LKW Carolyn, second by WF7DS Dottie. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: By KC8BOB Bob in absence of N7YIO Matt. Crystals for the Daniels equipment received, alignment and checkout in process, Mingus 70 cm repeater working fine, may soon be used for 60s Trivia net. Squaw Peak Fusion DR-2X available for analog or digital use. 70cm repeater in lab will be returned soon. Question on ARCA use of repeaters, they appear to be slow in updating their equipment. Question on W7EI EchoLink performance, several paths are being looked into on this. Good overview of equipment status, use and support by K8EQC.

Membership: 108 paid members, plus lifetime and complimentary memberships for 137 or thereabouts. Name tags on hand for new members.

Old Business: Special use permit for Field Day in parking lot on Mingus in process. Prescott Ham Fest at Embry-Riddle: We will have a club table, committee to man the table needed, brochures will be printed up if needed.

New Business: 2019 Prescott Ham Fest May 31 and June 1 at Embry-Riddle, we have a club table reserved to recruit new members, need to schedule manpower. Kudos to Don Sears N7PLL for our outstanding club website. Next meeting: Spirit of Joy Lutheran church in Cottonwood.

ARRL video: Yeasu FTM-7250 dual band, dual purpose rig.

Break at 7:35: 50/50 drawing \$26.00 won by KI7ALL Alan.

Program: by W7RAP Rick, ARRL Section Manager for the state of Arizona
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A comprehensive discussion of the status and future of ham radio, involving search and rescue organizations, astronauts, Indian Tribes, many new female hams. Conclusion: Future bright.

Meeting adjourned: 8:46pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.