

VVARA MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2019 at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Clarkdale, Arizona

Meeting called to order by President Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Wayne then asked all in attendance to stand and identify themselves by name and call sign. Total present: 27. Two did not sign in, three guests including family, one non-member.

Visitors and recent upgrades: Terri Smithson, Guest of KA7FEB Peter. WA2IKL Richard Factor, presenter. No new members or upgrades.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 17 April meeting. Motion to accept by KF7QVK Marny, second by K8EQC Bob. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Don Sears N7PLL. Board decision to self insure equipment for both sites, saving \$500 per year. Liability insurance will remain as is. Ending Total all accounts: \$4,840.41. Motion to accept by K7RUF Dan, second by KD7FMJ Michelle. Motion carried.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: N7YIO Matt reported: Mingus: A team reprogrammed the TMC for the W7EI repeater. It was determined that the two meter antenna has issues with cables and corrosion and the 440 repeater also has issues, both are off the air. Planning another trip to swap out the 147.22 repeater with reprogrammed and tested Daniels gear. Two meter amplifier will be removed, the power supply/charger will be replaced by new Samilac unit (for APS Power loss). Available on Mingus: Replacement 440 antenna, two Vertex Standard VXR 7002, three complete 70cm systems. The Squaw Peak APRS radio has bugs (insects) being checked out, antenna has high SWR. Question on C4FM equipment, best described as unresolved.

Membership: BOB Bob: Paid members: 98. Plus complementary and Lifetime. Total: 146. Name tags available. Cost: \$8.00. Mailing: \$4.00. Will pass them out at meetings.

Old Business: Prescott hamfest at Embry-Riddle, 31 May – 1 June. ARRL Field Day, 22 – 23 June. Special Use Permit good, parking for three RVs. Question on solar trailer. Need operators, particularly at night, 75m CW. No meeting in July and August.

New Business: Discussion on Ham Radio station at the VA Hospital, Fort Whipple., KB0YYG Jack coordinator.

ARRL Video: Yeasu FT4XR

Break: 50/50 drawing won by Levi, \$21.00.

Program: Richard Factor WA2IKL, Career in the recording industry, showed equipment and innovations he contributed and worked with there. Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.