

## VVARA MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2019 at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Clarkdale, Arizona

President Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance. Wayne then asked everyone present to stand and identify themselves, 31 members and family present.

**Secretary Report:** Read by secretary KF7KXH Leo. Motion to accept by KF7QVK Marny, second by N7VF Norman. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer N7PLL Don reported recurring monthly and Field Day expenses of \$816.41. Income from new member dues and donations of \$388.00. Current assets: \$4269.53. Motion to accept by K8EQC Bob, second by KC8BOB Bob. Motion carried.

**Technical Committee Report:** N7YIO Matt reported checkout and update of antennas on Squaw Peak, solar and batteries good. Equipment running fine, Winlink doing well, coverage excellent. 147.100 MHz, 131.00 pl tone. Mingus: VXR7000 removed, new equipment very versatile, related to APRS radio on Squaw Peak. Antennas and cables on Mingus tower identified, next trip up will remove unnecessary items. Possibility of testing and rework of tower assembly to reduce noise. Extensive discussion by K8EQC Bob, K6IYK Jim and K7RUF Dan. 440 repeater antenna, cracked weld, co-ax harness needs to be replaced. Options available.

**Membership:** KC8BOB Bob reported fifteen new members in the last year for a total of 158, 53% ARRL members. 50% required for ARRL club membership. Name tags on hand for new members and if you need a new name tag for any reason, let him know. Forest Service inspection of facilities due in Sept, paper work complete.

**Old Business:** Field Day: 700+ contacts = 1700 points. Kudos to N7RUE Terry and K7IOG Ernie for operating through the night. N7VF Norm operated Route 66 Event 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, started by Flagstaff club, purpose: contact between and with all stations on the route. Norm operated from W6S, Winona, 1600+ contacts. Norm reviewed history and conduct of the event.

**New Business:** Nominating Committee chair – no volunteers. Proposed: Meet at the old Nate's room. Christmas dinner: Pine Shadows club house, 14 Dec, noon to 4:pm, Randall's serve at 1:pm.

WA7IGI Wayne presented ARRL video program: TM281 Mobile Transceiver, 25/65 watts, 136-174 MHz, FM only.

**Break:** 50/50 won by Levi, with assistance, \$76.00 split between winner and club.

**Program:** "9-11 Ground Zero 'Till Now" presented by Dan Wills K7RUF.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm    Next Meeting: 16 October, Embry-Riddle King Engineering Bldg

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, secretary.