

## VVARA MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2019 at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Clarkdale, Arizona

**Program:** ARES/RACES was given before the meeting by KF7WOT Joann Schultheiss and KG7LOI Rob Redford who described Yavapai County and the importance of communications in this significant geographical area. Website for information, or to join: [k7yca.org](http://k7yca.org)

**Break:** No business. Twelve minutes.

**Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by president Wayne Gilbertson W7IGI at 8:02pm followed by the pledge of allegiance. Guests: Al Smithson, xyl Terri. New member: Mike Piraino KI7FIF, xyl Ann. New Face: KC7TIL Steve. Attendance: 18 members and family, 5 guests.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes of the October Meeting read by KF7KXH Leo. Motion to accept by KF7QVK Marny, second by K8EQC Bob, carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer N7PLL Don reported expenses of \$63.00, income \$128.00 from 50/50 drawing (winnings donated back by RUF Dan) and new member (3) dues. Current assets: \$4,035.67. Annual audit Jan 2020. Accept KC8BOB Bob, second WB7RRQ Bob, carried.

**Repeater:** Technical Committee, KC7TIL Steve reported on Squaw Peak: Totally solar; two meter digital repeater, APRS system, WINLINK data system. Mingus has 147.220MHz club repeater, 449.425MHz 70cm club repeater, APRS club system, 220MHz system, owned by Rodney, and Army MARS. Location and building courtesy of Army MARS. Work in progress on antennas and mast to clear up interference from nearby transmitters. Rework of backup battery system from multiple backups to single system due in spring. Discussion of site and area conditions by K8EQC and others.

**Membership:** KC8BOB reported ~160 members, name tags available, check if one is yours.

**Old Business:** Elections coming, WB7RRQ Bob, nominating committee chair: President: N7PLL Don; VP: K8EQC Bob; Treasurer: KC8BOB Bob. No candidate for secretary. Motion to present minutes on line only made, seconded and passed, with a dissenting voice, and discussion. Added: Notice to members when minutes are posted. Slate accepted by acclimation. Strong appeal by K8EQC Bob for a volunteer for membership chairman to relieve KC8BOB of this additional job.

**New Business:** Discussion of Christmas dinner, flyer presented by KE7DTS Starla with details, KI7FIS Mike has donated a Hustler 5BTV vertical antenna that will be auctioned at the dinner.

**Break:** 50/50 drawing, \$17.50 won by K6IYK Jim and donated back to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, secretary.