

## **VVARA General Meeting Minutes**

### **Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church Clarkdale, AZ**

### **2/15/2020**

The meeting was called to order by president Don Sears N7PLL at 1:20pm.

**New members:** Kirk Smith N7AZZ joined the VVARA meeting. Welcome.

**Visitors:** Ann Piraino, Mike KI7FIF spouse joined our meeting today.

**Secretary report:** Minutes for January meeting at Embry Riddle are posted on the VVARA website. Michele, KD7FMJ secretary had no additional items to add to the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded. Minutes approved and accepted by attending members.

**Treasurer's report:** Presented to members by Bob Thompson, KC8BOB. The report reflects the month of January 2020.

- Club savings acct has ending balance of \$2000.18 with no interest accrued
- Checking account has a beginning balance of \$1417.87 and ending balance of \$1783.47. Expenses include APS: 48.40 and ARCA: 35.00; deposits: 449.00
- Paypal income of \$138.00

Total of savings, checking, paypal and cash: \$5439.04. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded, motion was passed by members.

**Membership report:** Bob, KC8BOB received dues from 49 households thus far. The club has 12 life members, 67 paid members so far for 2020. The club has a total of 162 members. Bob will collect dues through March, followed by an updated membership roster.

**Technical Committee report:** Bob KC8BOB reports with too much snow at the repeater site, any visits will wait until the Spring thaw. Equipment is working OK, there has been less interference from the Sheriff's repeater, but still present. Doug NO1D will continue to test to find the source of interference. Batteries have been donated to the club to replace what we have.

**Old Business:** NONE

## **New Business:**

- Prescott Hamfest cancelled for 2020.
- Field Day June 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. President Don Sears is looking for a committee chair to organize the event. So far no one has volunteered.
- Christmas luncheon for 2020. Pine Shadows Club house has been secured for the event; Annies will be catering the luncheon. Carol Hills will be organizing the event.
- PA system: Don questions whether we need a PA system for our meetings in Clarkdale location. The Embry Riddle site requires some kind of PA system. Bob KC8BOB will look into putting together equipment.

Don Sears opened a discussion of "My ham shack in less than 60 seconds". Tom KJ7BJZ lives in an HOA community, shared his radio set up which resides in a closet with antenna in the attic, all under the 60 second rule. Congratulations Tom!

## **Break and 50/50 drawing**

Presentation by Gary Stouder, MD K9SG. "HF radio Yesterday and Today". Gary presented a very informative program of HF radio and all one could possibly want to know about the different regions, HF propagation, and choosing the correct antenna. Thank you Gary for enlightening the group.

Next meeting will be at the Spirit Of Joy Lutheran Church on **3/18/2020 at 7pm Wednesday.**

Don Sears adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm

Respectfully submitted by Michele Pearson, KD7FMJ