

## **VVARA General Meeting Minutes Conducted On-line via zoom.us 4/15/2020**

President Don Sears, N7PLL opened the meeting via Zoom at 7:02pm. There were 38 members checked in with the 39<sup>th</sup> being Don's computer recording in the background. Don took a brief moment to educate members on navigating Zoom remote meeting program.

### **Guests:**

- Terri WH7AZ relocated to the Cottonwood area from Kauai, HI. Welcome to TERRI! Look forward to meeting Terri in person at the next meeting.
- Paul, WA7AZ from Mesa, was able to join the meeting from his home in Mesa for the first time using ZOOM. Good to see Paul via Zoom.

**Secretary report:** Minutes from the 2/2020 meeting are posted on the website at <https://vvara.org>

**Treasurer's report:** Bob Thompson, KC8BOB reports:

The club has a grand total of \$5,854.00 in savings, checking, and PayPal.

**Membership report:** Bob Thompson, KC8BOB – The VVARA club has 122 paid members. 37 members paid through 12/2019. Bob will have an updated roster of current members available soon.

**Technical report:** Matt Dutton, K7YIO reports:

Squaw Peak – Matt checked the site a few week ago, states there is a need for an additional filter at the repeater site.

Mingus Mtn site – Access to the site is now available. Matt is organizing a site trip in the next couple of weeks. Four brand new batteries were gifted to the VVARA club and will be used to replace the current ones.

**Old Business:** NONE

**New Business:**

- Field Day – will occur this year on Friday and Saturday June 27 and June 28. Don would like 2 committee chairs to oversee the technical set up and the coordination of food. Bob Thompson has submitted a permit request to the Forest Service for use of the parking lot at the Mingus mountain site.

- Christmas Party –Leo and Marnie were able to secure the clubhouse at Pine Shadows for the 2020 Christmas Party in Cottonwood. Carol Hills is in charge of food and decorations.
- Chino Valley Grinder has been canceled for 2020.

**Future meeting proposals:**

Don Sears proposes two afternoon meetings at the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church at 1pm in February and November.

Meetings for July, August and December will be presented via Zoom

The rest of the meetings will be conducted on Wednesday at 7pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Cottonwood as well as ERAU campus.

**Next meeting is Wednesday May 20, 2020 7pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church** unless otherwise indicated by our president Don Sears.

No 50/50 drawing

**Presentation:** Wayne WA7IGI – The 2 meter band frequencies.

The meeting was adjourned by Don Sears at 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michele kd7fmj, VVARA secretary