

# Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association

## VVARA General Monthly Membership Meeting

Online via Zoom

April 21, 2021

Attendance: 28

Don Sears N7PLL President opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Board Members in attendance were, Vice President Steve Pearson KC7TIL. Secretary, Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH. Treasure and Trustee, Bob Thompson KC8BOB Member at Large, Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI.

First on our agenda was a presentation by Ed Hare W1RFI on the ARRL lab in Newington Connecticut. It was a very interesting presentation and all of our attending members enjoyed Ed's talk.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report, from Bob KC8BOB. The full Treasurer's report is attached to the print version of the minutes. Contact a board member to get a copy.

Membership Chair Report by Bob KC8BOB. 25 members have not renewed. Current membership is 145 paid, family and lifetime members.

Tech Committee, report by Bob Shipton K8EQC and Steve KC7TIL. Doug NO1D wants to service the Mingus Mountain machine and make some changes to the controller as well as possibly raise the audio making some changes to the All-star Node. Also on Squaw Peak to check out the Yaesu radio. It may need to be sent to Yaesu for service.

Old Business, club members enjoyed a fun day outdoors at the Highlands Center for Natural History on Friday, April 16. The VVARA had a small showing but everyone had a good time.

New Business, Field Day is June 25-27. This could be our first face to face meeting. Again it will be at the top of Mingus Mountain at the parking lot where we have set up before. It will be a "bring your own picnic" due to Covid. The Club has bought a new laptop computer for EchoLink. It should show up on Friday and possibly be in service this weekend. Hopefully this will improve the reliability of our EchoLink service.

As far as in person meetings, that will still be decided month to month. If you want an in person meeting please let a board member know your wishes and if enough people are interested we may have one.

Our next meeting is on Zoom on Wednesday May 19, 2021

Meeting ended at 8:07 PM.