

Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association

VVARA General Monthly Membership Meeting

Location: El Toreo Mexican Restaurant, 1481 AZ-89A, Clarkdale, AZ 86324

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00pm

Attendance: 15

Board Members present were, President Steve Pearson KC7TIL Treasure, Don Sears N7PLL, Secretary Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH and Tech Committee Chairman Matt Dutton N7YIO

The Presentation was the first thing on the agenda. The video was on the ARRL headquarters and the W1AW Radio Station. This was a good look into the ARRL headquarters and W1AW station where you had a good look at the equipment that did all of the broadcasts and the operating stations where Licensed Hams could operate W1AW.

The Business meeting was next, Don Sears presented the Financial Statement which is available from Don if you wish specific numbers and also on the Video Don has sent to members.

The Membership report was given by Steve Pearson KC7TIL, The Membership Chairperson Starla Thompson KE7DTS could not be at the meeting. 123 Members Paid for 2023, 53 Members not yet paid. Dues are due before April 1st.

Technical Committee Members are Chairman Matt Dutton N7YIO, Toby Payne K7ABP, Steve Pearson KC7TIL, Bob Shipton K8EQC, Doug Theriault NO1D and Bob Thompson KC8BOB.

Matt discussed with the group that all of our equipment on both mountain tops seem to be working fine this winter, Matt mentioned that when it is possible in the Spring that some service work needs to be done on Porcupine Mountain, The 2 Meter machine is getting a little noisy. The Spring project on Mingus Mountain will be the installation of the new antennas. Matt also discussed alarms that he would like to put on the repeaters to let him know when services go off.

Steve Pearson discussed the 3 used repeaters the club just purchased. 1 is a Yaesu DR1X Fusion @meter 440 Repeater and 2 are DR2X Repeaters. The Technical Committee will determine where we will use the repeaters either as backup or maybe put one or two in line on our system.

Next meeting will be on the 18th of March at 1:00 PM at El Toreo in Clarkdale Az. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:00 PM. A video recording of the meeting has been made available to the club members. Secretary, Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH