

Minutes of April 19, 2025

Regular Membership Meeting  
of the Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association

**Location:** Calavera Bar And Grill  
747 S Main St.  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Scheduled Meeting Time: 12:45 PM

An informal luncheon was available commencing at 11:30 AM. Most of the 29 VVARA members and one guest who attended the 12:45 PM regular meeting also attended the informal luncheon.

**Introduction & Welcome to Guests:**

Bill Jean, KK7LGE, VVARA President, convened the meeting at 12:45 PM. All members rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Jean then mentioned that the presents would begin at the end after the official business was completed.

**Secretary Report:**

At 12:48PM President Bill Jean, KK7LGE, asked for the Secretary's Report. Tim Sullivan AC7TB was not present and Anita Colebrooke AC7AL, advised that she was filling in as acting Secretary on behalf of Tim. She asked if he wanted her to read the minutes from the last meeting and Bill and others replied an overwhelming "no" with laughter. Anita and President Bill Jean called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous membership meeting held on March 15th at the Prescott Golf Club in Dewey, Arizona. Ron Rosson, N6XT, seconded the motion along with several others. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

At 12:51 PM, President Bill Jean called for the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Don Sears, N7PLL, gave the Treasurer's report summarizing the current receipts and expenditures of the Club and reported the current club account balance. There were two months of APS bills due to billing timing for a total of \$105 which is approximately \$50 per month. There were a few incoming dues collected and name tags were mailed out. Member Marney Zuercher KH7QVK, called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. There were multiple movers and seconds to the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### **Membership Report:**

At 12:56 PM President Bill Jean called for the Membership Committee Report. VVARA member Starla Thompson KE7DTS, reported that there are 160 paid members. There are three new members and Dan Wills K7RUF and Chuck Harley KJ7NGP renewed their memberships.

### **Technical Committee Report:**

Matt Dutton, N7YIO, reported that the new batteries were placed at the Clubs repeater sites.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Matt Dutton, N7YIO,

At 1:00 PM Matt Dutton, N7YIO, gave a magnificent PowerPoint presentation of the new repeater station on Mingus Mountain. Matt's presentation showed how the station was lifted and installed on the foundation. Matt provided a tour of the internal radio equipment and components the station houses. The multiple antennas and towers were also shown.

VVARA Treasurer and Webmaster Don Sears, N7PLL, video recorded Matt's presentation and posted a video link to the presentation in an email to the VVARA members.

### **Membership Suggestion:**

At 1:40 PM, VVARA member Marc Gosik, W7MRG, addressed the meeting regarding implementing Fox Hunts for the club. There has been interest from the YARC (Yavapai Amateur Radio Club) to implement a Fox Hunt on this side of Mingus Mountain as they already conduct regular monthly Hunts on the Prescott side. Marc displayed a tape measure Yagi directional antenna with an attached offset attenuator which can be used to locate a set of hidden transmitters. The transmitters, attenuators and a handy finder were also displayed. Marc suggested getting family members and youth involved in using direction finding equipment. Plans for organizing the Fox Hunt will be discussed further at a future meeting.

At 1:43 PM VVARA member Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported on the status of the special use application for Field Day which is awaiting signature from the Forest Service District Ranger. Bob reminded members that Field Day 2025 will occur on June 28-29, the fourth weekend in June.

**Next Meeting & Adjournment**

At 1:45 PM, President Bill Jean reminded members that the next meeting will be on May 17, at Calavera Restaurant in Cottonwood, AZ. Bill then called for a motion to adjourn. By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted on April 26, 2025

Anita Colebrooke AC7AL, Acting Secretary