

**Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association
Regular Membership Meeting
Minutes of March 21, 2026**

Location: Prescott Golf Club Redwoods Grill, Dewey, AZ

Business Meeting Time: 12:45 PM Speaker Presentation: 1:00 PM

Attendance: 22

Officers Present: Bill Jean, KK7LGE, President; Larry Johnston, KJ7GTY, Treasurer; and Steve Pearson, KJ7TIL, Trustee at Large.

President Bill Jean KK7LGE convened the Business meeting at 12:45 PM. Bill led all present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill asked if any guests or new members were present. Dee Garcia, introduced herself and her husband, Elliott. Dee explained that she is about to take the Technician Class Amateur Radio License examination next month.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Secretary Report: Tim Sullivan, AC7TB, stated that he was acting at the request of VVARA Secretary Mark Napier, KK7YDL, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Tim noted that the draft minutes of the February 21, 2026 meeting at Calavera Restaurant had been posted on VVARA's website. Motion was made to accept the February meeting minutes and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Treasury Report: Larry Johnston KJ7GTY reported there are currently 168 members, with 12 members having failed to renew their \$20 membership dues. Larry is reminding all members by email to get their payments in by the end of March.

Larry then reported all club income and expenses for the preceding calendar month and the opening and closing balance of the Club's checking and savings accounts.

Larry reported some of the changes he was implementing to give VVARA a better return on the money it has invested in Credit Union West. Larry noted that for the last couple of years the Club had substantial cash assets sitting in a non-interest bearing checking account. Larry made a decision to purchase one-year certificates of deposit in the amount of \$3,000 each that would earn interest at an annual rate of 3.85 percent provided that the certificate of deposit was not cashed out before its one-year expiration date. Larry indicated that if the Club needed to cash any of the certificates of deposit out early, the full principal of the certificate of deposit could be withdrawn, the only penalty would be a loss of interest.

Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, made a motion to authorize the Club's Treasurer to purchase additional one year certificates of deposit at the Credit Union and to move the amount currently in the Club's saving account into a certificate of deposit. Don Sears, N7PLL, seconded the motion. President Bill Jean called for a vote and the motion passed.

Motion and second to approve the report. No discussion. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Starla Thompson, KE7DST, Membership Chair, indicated that the Treasurer's Report accurately summarized Membership status..

Technical Report: Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, reported on the purchase by the club of some surplus equipment from a telecommunications service provider. The club was able to resell two parts of that equipment and made a substantial profit.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: next regular meeting will be on 4/11/26 at Calavera's in Cottonwood.

Presentation

Steve Pearson KC7TIL, Programming Baofeng Transceivers with Chirp

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. No discussion. Motion approved at 1:45 PM.