

**Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association  
Regular Membership Meeting  
Minutes of April 11, 2026**

Location: Calaveras Mexican Restaurant, Cottonwood, AZ

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

Attendance: 29

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

Don Sears N7PLL convened the business meeting at 12:35 PM. Don led all present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don asked if any guests or new members were present. Recognized Mary Pat Swartsly AJ7EG and Mike Smith W9MDS. Guests recognized: Jeff Gooch N8OBI and Doug Swinson.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Secretary Report: Secretary Mark Napier, KK7YDL, reported that the draft minutes of the March 21, 2026 meeting at Prescott Golf Club Redwoods Grill, Dewey, AZ had been posted on VVARA's website. Motion was made to accept the March meeting minutes and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Treasury Report: Larry Johnston KJ7GTY reported on the 6 certificates of deposit he set up with Credit Union West and that the club will make approximately \$650 if they all mature after 1 year. Motion and second to approve the report. No discussion. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Starla Thompson, KE7DST, Membership Chair, reported that we are at 158 members. Down 10 from last month due to failure to renew, etc.

Technical Report: Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, reported that there is some steel mesh that needs to be removed from the Mingus Mountain site.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

- 2026 is the club's 50th anniversary
- There will potentially be a pot luck celebration at Carolyn Hills KA7LKW ranch in the Fall
- ARRL Field Day will be June 27th and 28th. Fred Pierce K7FWP has been appointed as the director of Field Day 2026
- Next meeting will be at Calaveras Mexican Restaurant, Cottonwood, AZ May 16th, 2026.

Presentation

50 years of VVARA slideshow and discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. No discussion. Motion approved at 1:30 PM.