

January 15, 2020

VVARA meeting at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott AZ

23 members present

The meeting was called to order by outgoing president Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI at 7:05pm followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions of all present members were made.

Secretary report:

Last November it was voted by members to post the Secretary's report on website for review by members. Don Sears motioned to accept the report, Carol Hills seconded.

Treasurer's report:

Don Sears (outgoing treasurer) reports net gain of \$700.00 for the VVARA club. It was voted by members last year to drop the Equipment insurance, set aside \$2000.00 for any equipment repairs that might be needed. All members may review financial reports. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made with it seconded by present members.

Tech report:

Steve Pearson KC7TIL reported things have been going along ok, tech members have been chasing some grounding issues. In December, the repeater lost power; Steve and Don were able to make the necessary repairs at the site the day before the snow fell. Due to weather conditions, any work done at the repeater site will be postponed until snow melts.

Membership report:

Bob Thompson reported the club has 162 members with 34 paid members for 2020. The club has grown with an increase of 29-30 members. Please be aware membership dues are due now. Cash and checks are accepted; deadline to pay dues will be the end of February, early March. Members may also pay on the VVARA website thru PayPal. The cost is \$24.00/family of hams.

Old Business:

- Christmas luncheon – Leo reports we had 54 people in attendance; Randall's catered the meal. Pictures are available on the website. A good time was had by all

New Business: New officers have been selected

- President: Don Sears
- Vice President: Bob Shipton
- Treasurer: Bob Thompson
- Secretary: Michele Pearson
- Director-At-Large: Wayne Gilbertson

Official gavel responsibilities passed to Don Sears. A big thank you and hand of applause given to Wayne outgoing president for his 4 years of committed service to the club.

Don Sears, president begins his reign.

New Business, cont'd:

It was mentioned last year the VVARA should have 2 winter meetings in the afternoon at Spirit of Joy Lutheran church in Clarkdale. After discussion among the members, the dates are as follows:

- February 15, 2020 at 1pm in Clarkdale
- November 14, 2020 at 1pm in Clarkdale

A motion was made by Steve Pearson to accept the winter dates and Judy Rosevear seconded.

Following upcoming events are slated for 2020:

- Ham Fest – May 8th and 9th (Friday and Saturday)
- Field Day – June 27th and 28th (Friday and Saturday)
- Christmas Luncheon – TBA

Don Sears would like to see members step up and be in charge of the events. There will be follow-up for members to help.

Mike WA7ARK mentioned an article in the December issue of QST of the Field Day results from 2019: W7EI was listed as having 707 contacts.

Bob Thompson mentioned the February issue of QST has the article written by Kathy Etheridge from Las Vegas.

Break : 50/50 drawing

Special Presentation:

Steve Pearson demonstrates how to program a BaoFeng radio using the CHIRP computer program.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

Next meeting will be on February 15, 2020 on Saturday 1pm at the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Pearson, Secretary