

Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association

VVARA General Monthly Membership Meeting

Online via Zoom

March 17, 2021

Attendance: 24

Board and committee chairs in attendance: President Don Sears N7PLL, Vice President Steve Pearson KC7TIL, Treasure and Trustee Bob Thompson KC8BOB, Secretary Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH, Member at large Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI, Tech Committee Member Matt Dutton N7YIO.

The Meeting was called to order by Don N7PLL at 7:00PM

First on the agenda was a presentation on VLF Very Low Frequency Radio used by the Navy and LF 2200M Ham Radio Band. This was an excellent presentation by Wayne WA7IGI on communication for submarines around the world and the new LF ham band.

The meeting resumed at 8:04 PM.

Treasures Report by Bob Thompson KC8BOB

The full Treasurer's report is in the printed version of the minutes and available on request.

Membership Report by Starla Thompson KE7DTS

9 new members in 2021 and 2 new members since our last meeting.

They are Mike KJ7UAZ and Ted KJ7UNV. As of now we have 138 paid members and 38 unpaid with an approximate total of 170 members.

Technical Committee Report by Mat N7YIO

The committee met over Zoom to talk over things that need to be done as soon as access to the repeater sites are available. The possibility of acquiring a former cellular building from the company that Matt works for may be canceled by the corporate office; they do not want to donate the mobile building. The Tech Committee wants to replace the three outdated power supplies with 4 brand new telecom batteries and charger that will run everything longer than we would need if there was a power outage. Also troubleshooting some audio issues and tower work. The Squaw Peak Yaesu repeater is experiencing a low power output issue. Matt checked the system with the antenna analyzer and didn't detect any problem.

Old Business

The April 24, 2021 pot luck has been canceled due to picnic facilities being closed.

New Business

Carol Hills KA7LKW has organized a Day at Highlands Natural History Center on Walker Road, Friday April 16, 2021 Noon to 4:00 PM.

Field Day will be June 25 through 27th at the parking lot on top of Mingus Mountain where we have had Field Day in the past. Bring your radio, chairs and food.

In person meetings will be determined month to month due to the covid crisis.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00PM. Social time will start at 6:30 PM.

Meeting closed at 8:23 PM

Submitted by,
Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH Secretary.