

Minutes of VVARA General Meeting, Feb. 18st 2009

The meeting was held at Verde Valley Fire District, Station 31. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

President, Mel Boreham, welcomed all in attendance and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Guests: We welcomed some guests. Kris Blumenthal: KD7MEM, Bruce Jaeger: KE7TDR. We also acknowledged a silent key Unangst, Alan K WC7R.

Secretary's Report: Jason Shultz, KE7WWQ, Secretary for the club in 2009 read the minutes of our last meeting held in Cottonwood on Jan 21st, 2009. The motion to approve minutes was made by Marsha Rosenburger, N6SNW. The motion to second the minutes was made by Carol Hills, KA7LKW. Minutes were approved by voice vote, with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Norman Vandiver, N7VF, our Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. The current bank balance was 6942.83. Major purchases included a second back-up controller for the club repeater totaling \$377.53. The cost of the manuals purchased was 112.26. Also, ink was purchased for the Treasurer's printer in the amount of 57.96.

Club Books Audit Committee: It was announced that the clubs books were completed and that all pertinent information was to be handed over to the Treasurer. Don Rader, N7HYH and Al Witte, KD7LZE were asked to serve on the audit committee to review those figures. Once the books were audited, the financial report was to be sent to the Arizona Corporation Commission along with the yearly fee to meet the State's requirement as a non-profit organization.

Presentation by Jack Crabtree, W7JLC: We got to watch a presentation made by Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, of his service during the Vietnam War working with the Navy-Marine MARS. We got to see some fascinating history of what it was like during that time. MARS made it possible to send messages running phone patches for servicemen and women to their friends and family back in the states.

The VVARA Thank You Awards: President Mel Boreham, N6BDC, presented the VVARA Thank You Awards to those who had been there to help the club when needed and who served in various capacities in the local Ham Radio community.

BREAK: We took a break until 8:45pm for coffee and cookies provided by Peggy Funk.

Old Business:

2009 Prescott Ham Fest:

The 3rd Annual Joint VVARA/YARC Prescott Ham Fest will be held on Sat., May 30th at the Granite Mountain Middle School ball courts, the same location where the past two joint ham fests have been held. We will need a coordinating committee to serve in planning and maintaining contact with the YARC President and the YARC committee chairman who will be planning and advertising this annual joint event. Mel mentioned a possible consideration of sharing cost with YARC of a high value Ham Fest Raffle Prize, ie. HF Tranciever, or a couple of tri-band Handheld transceivers? Both clubs would share returns from Raffle. No discussion took place and there was no motion made to study this further.

Field Day 2009: This year's VVARA Field Day, will return to the top of Mingus Mountain.

As in the past, the VVARA will be hosting a Field Day picnic at the site. Bob Thompson, KC8BOB is helping to organize along with Steve Pearson, KC7TIL.

50/50 Raffle Drawing: Jack Crabtree, W7JLC won \$14.

Other New Business:

\$50 was donated to Dogs For the Blind

Change in Meeting Date: We were reminded that the meeting in March will be held on the 17th at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building. Tables were reserved at Murphy's Grill in Cottonwood for approximately 30 people. The theme for the meeting will be antennas.

We are open to suggestions on other programs at future meetings. David Brown, WN7L, our Vice President, has suggested a workshop on soldering, a subject that all hams will find both interesting and practical.

The motion to close the meeting was made by Al Barber, AA70V, and seconded by Carol Hills, KA7LKW. The Meeting was closed at 9:05pm.