

Meeting Minutes of the Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association 4-28-2010

Meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Swiggers, N7ZZN at 7:02 PM.

First time attendees recognized; Tim, KF7FOX, Wayne, WA7IGI and his xyl, Becky.
Visitors included Will, AD7WW and friends of Carol Hills, Jane and Ray from Congress

Secretary's Report- Due to the absence of the secretary, a motion was made by Carol, KA7LKW, and seconded by Bob, K8EQC, to approve the minutes at the next meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report- Mel, N6BDC, reported the balance at present is approximately \$6345 in the bank account.

Old Business- Jeff, N7ZZN, reported that the trade name has been released.

- ❖ New Business- A proposal was made by repeater trustee Mike, WA6LSE, through Jeff to upgrade the repeater controller boards from RCL to RCL1+. Bob, K8EQC, reported on some of the features of the upgrade such as an anti-kerchunk feature, offsite monitoring of voltages and increased security features. The macros have already been written. Steve, KC7TIL, made a motion that we buy both boards that are needed at a cost of \$275 each, plus applicable shipping, handling and taxes. Seconded by Carol, KA7LKW. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- ❖ The 7th Area QSO Party to be held on May 1. Steve KC7TIL is unable to coordinate. Jeff, N7ZZN asked for volunteers to coordinate. No one volunteered so we will not participate this year.
- ❖ Field Day- Norm, N7VF, and Jeff, N7ZZN, are coordinating this year. Field Day is the weekend of June 26-27, 2010. Norm gave an overview of this year's activities. Plan is to have a 2 meter, HF and satellite station. Norm asked for volunteers to assist in coordinating stations and to assist in other activities. He also mentioned other point generators such as operators younger than 18, traffic handling, the WWV bulletin and elected official visiting. A sign up sheet was available. See Norm if there is a way you can help.
- ❖ Williams Hamfest- July 16-18th Steve, KC7TIL and Mike, WA6LSE, are coordinating a table. Details to follow.
- ❖ Ted, WA8ULG wants the club to be aware of the scQRPion club Cactus Con to be held at Ft. Tuthill in July. Norm, N7VF stated they have been around a long time and promote QRP activities as well as provide activities for hams to build equipment to be used for QRP. Bob, K8EQC suggested maybe the club could donate to the ScQRPion club to assist this activity. Motion made by John, W5VJH, to donate \$150 to the ScQRPion club for this hamfest. Seconded by Dan, W6SAK passed on voice vote.
- ❖ Question raised by Jack, W7JLC, about the status of the VE team. Can he begin to publicize upcoming class? Bob, K8EQC volunteered to check with Rod, KI6FH about the status of the VE team. Efforts will be made to quickly finalize the status of testing and get information to Jack ASAP. Bob, KC8BOB and Will, AD7WW volunteered to assist with testing.

❖ Steve raised a question about whether fees needed to be charged for testing. Much discussion ensued. Carol, KA7LKW, made a motion to table the discussion till the next meeting. Seconded by Norm, N7VF. Passed on voice vote.

Dick, W4AOP, and Meredith, W4AMK, volunteered to conduct the 50/50 raffle.

Motion made to adjourn by Art, KF7FPB seconded by ? Motion passed on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 by President Jeff Swiggers, N7ZZN. 50/50 raffle won by Sue Crabtree.

Jeff asked Carol to introduce speaker for the evening. Carol spoke about her experiences with solar power and introduced her friend Jane, who spoke about her background in solar power.

Carol then introduced our guest speaker, Ben Mancini, who spoke about many of the different applications for solar power. He showed us many different types of solar systems and answered many questions.

Motion was made by Mel, N6BDC and seconded by Bob, KC8BOB to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Starla Thompson