

VVARA Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 via ZOOM

Don Sears N7PLL, President opens the meeting at 10am.

Present Board members are:

Don Sears, N7PLL – President

Robert Shipton, K8EQC – Vice President

Bob Thompson, KC8BOB – Treasurer

Michele Pearson, KD7FMJ – Secretary

Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI – Director-at-large

Other members present include:

Starla Thompson, KE7DTS, membership

Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, tech committee/Zoom navigator

Agenda for today's meeting:

1. The VVARA is a non-profit organization in Arizona and tax exempt for the IRS. We should have received a determination letter from the IRS when we received that status. Where is that letter? Where are the club archives? **Discussion:** Bob and Star will follow up on the VVARA website and search other archived documents to locate the letter. Michele states she only received minutes from 2013 through 2019. She started a document file for VVARA minutes that can be passed on to the next elected secretary in 2021. Board agrees to have a copy of recent meeting minutes to use as reference in future VVARA meetings. Past minutes will be scanned into document file for future reference.
2. Christmas Party has been canceled for December 2020. Don Sears suggests a picnic on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Further discussion will be brought up in the general membership meeting in October.
3. Proposed club calendar for 2021: Most meetings are 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
February and November meetings will be on a Saturday at 1:00pm.
January: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
February: Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church (Saturday at 1:00pm)
March: Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
April: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Spring Picnic
May: Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
June: Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church and Field Day
July: Online Social Gathering
August: Online Social Gathering
September: Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
October: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
November: Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church (Saturday 1:00pm)

December: Online Social Gathering and Christmas Luncheon
Board approves the calendar slated for 2021.

4. Do we need a Nets Manager? **Discussion:** Don has received several complaints via email of the Knobby knee net every morning at 7am. Don reminds the concerned members that the VVARA oversees the repeater site and does not oversee nets that are run on the repeater. After further discussion, Board members agree a Nets Manager is not necessary
5. In years past we were paying \$500 per year for equipment insurance. We decided to set aside \$2000 for self insurance and save the premiums. Do we want to move \$500 to our self insurance fund? How much is a good amount to have in that fund? **Discussion:** Bob KC8BOB states there is \$2279 in PayPal. Board members approve moving \$500 to the equipment self insurance fund. Each year this will be addressed to determine if there is a need for movement of funds.
6. Does the VVARA need a new tower? Don discusses the ARES/RACES group wishing to move their equipment into our repeater site. Wayne WA7IGI states we should continue to be in charge of our building and not add any further groups to our repeater site. Bob K8EQC states if given permission to ARES/RACES, there will be an assumption of control of the VVARA site. Board votes to NOT get involved with ARES/RACES.
7. Updated Constitution/Bylaws Draft document reviewed by the Board. Starla KE7DTS has been reviewing the document. After further discussion, Starla will make the changes as discussed, attach an addendum of the changes to be forwarded to the VVARA members for vote 2/3 of a quorum of 20 members. This will be done at the next October meeting.

New Business: Don Sears will select a nominating committee at the October meeting to find candidates for the Board positions. A vote for new members will be at the November meeting.

Don Sears closed the meeting at 11:27am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pearson, KD7FMJ