Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting

March 5, 2015

Granite Mountain Middle School

Prescott, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by K8FB at 1900 MST, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

Visitors introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting by K8FB.

The January Treasurer’s report was approved by the membership. The February minutes were not submitted by the Secretary.

From the March Treasurer’s report, the following new members were accepted by the membership:

* Dottie Akers, KG7RRG
* Peter Iannone, Jr, No Call
* Douglas Askerman, KG7PAQ
* Scott Whitney, No Call
* Michael Harris (Whitney), No Call
* Clyde Stanton, No Call
* Gerald Shaw, KG7IUT
* Bruce Eldredge, KG7GMH

Committee Reports

* Special Events – Patti KB7VBG
  + Whiskey Bike Event – April 24, 25, 26
  + Whisky Row Marathon – May 2
* Patches and Badges can be ordered from Tracey, KE6QZD
* Shirts can be ordered from Pete, K6VVR
* Fox Hunt – Pete, K6VVR – The next fox hunt will be on Sunday, March 8 at 1 PM. Meet at the AZ State Credit Union parking lot.
* School Amateur Radio Club – Terry KB7TRE – Terry is being transferred from Granite Mountain Middle School to Mile High Middle school after this school year.
* Tech License Class – Jack Crabtree, W7JLC - A free Tech License preparation class is being offered on May 2 at the Jeep Posse Building on Commerce Drive. Jack is looking for instructors to help out with the session.
* License Exams – Don, WB7TPH – License Class exams are scheduled for May 9 at the Jeep Posse building.

New Business

* Club Bylaws Amendments – Written Notification. As required by the current bylaws, the written copies of proposed bylaw amendments were provided at the meeting. The amendments will be voted on at the April meeting. A summary of the changes include:
  + The checking account no longer is required to be interest bearing.
  + The Treasurer will maintain the Club Roster instead of the Secretary
  + Spending Authorization limits are being created.
* Williams Hamfest
  + Don, WB7TPH reported that the Williams Hamfest will be on July 24, 25, and 26
  + Don has applied for the same tailgating spaces that the club had last year
  + The club is accepting donations of equipment to be sold at the hamfest
  + The club will also sell equipment at the hamfest on consignment.
* New Web Site Format
  + Randy, W6TYV, the club’s webmaster announced that a new web format would be implemented on the club’s web site on March 15. No changes are being made to the club’s URL, [www.w6yrc.org](http://www.w6yrc.org)
  + After the switch to the new format, members will be required to register on the site to get access to the Member’s only page.
* W7YRC on Facebook
  + Randy, W6TYV announced a new Facebook page has been created for the club at [www.facebook.com/W7YRC](http://www.facebook.com/W7YRC)
  + Tony, AI6AHH has been appointed as the Facebook page administrator
* QSL Cards – Doug, KV8TD
  + Doug announced that QSL cards are being created for free by his Real Estate Agent.
  + The cards can be over printed by club members
  + Contact Doug, KV8TD if interested in getting some cards from him
* Yaesu Repeater (DR1-X) Special Purchase Offer
  + Discussion took place regarding purchase of the DR1-X by the club for a heavily discounted price of $500
  + The repeater can be easily configured to operate on 2 meters of 440MHz and can operate using the FM mode or the C4FM
  + The purchase of the repeater was approved by a vote of the membership.
* Van Donation to YARC by Pete, K6VVR
  + Discussion took place
  + The Board has recommended that the 1980 Panel Van donation by Pete, K6VVR not be accepted because of the Van’s age, unknown condition, and potential high maintenance and operating costs.
  + The Board then decided to let the members vote on the issue, as there was interest in pursuing the van donation in a previous meeting.
    - The Board determined that the only current feasible way to adequately evaluate the van was to transfer ownership from Pete to the club in order to get it registered and get insurance coverage to take the van to a mechanic for evaluation.
    - Once the van was evaluated, the membership would vote on whether to keep the van and authorize funds to improve it. If the membership voted to not proceed with improving the van, the title of the van would be returned to Pete, K6VVR
    - A motion was made and accepted to not accept the van donation.
    - The membership overwhelmingly voted to not accept the van donation.
* After the break and the 50/50 split the pot drawing, the Arduino Sig presented the Arduino/Raspberry Pi presentation.
* The March Hams of the Month award was presented to KE7SA, Chuck; W7SUA,Tom; and Dan AE7IH for their work on the Arduino/Raspberry Pi presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at the end of the Hams of the Month award presentation

The minutes were created and submitted by:

Frank Bender, K8FB

YARC President