

The General Membership meeting for the Radio Society of Tucson was called to order at 1903 hours with the Vice President, Diane Zimmerman presiding.

The presentation for this evening was on the Titan Missile Museum by Chuck Penson, WA7ZZE.

It was requested by Ms Zimmerman that because of the recording of the business meeting by the secretary, members refrain from cross talk and side conversation due to the sensitivity of the recording device.

Announcements:

RST has created an official Facebook page. Members are encouraged to "Like" it and add it to their Facebook Accounts.

Looking for volunteers to work the 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo bike race in February 16 – 17, 2013. Contact Owen Watson, AK7AR. The event is held at the Willow Spring Ranch in Pinal County.

Greg Peters is looking for volunteers for the foot race in the Santa Rita Mountains. Contact information was sent out on the RST email server. March 2, 2013

Board Member Reports:

Secretary Report: Mr. Jeff Steinkamp (N7YG) stated the meeting minutes have been posted to the web site. There was no minutes for the general membership meeting for December 2013 due to the Christmas Party.

Treasurer Report: Mr. Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) stated he is accepting membership dues at this time. We had a Paypal balance of \$29.00 at the end of the year and checking account balance of \$4004 at the end of the year.

President Report: Due to the absence of the president, no report is available.

Vice President Report: An inventory system has been created on Google Docs and items are being inputted as those items are found. A request was made to the general membership to provide any information they may have concerning equipment that is owned by RST.

Special Interest Group Reports:

Contest SIG: Mr. Owen Watson (AK7AR) gave a brief report on the state of the contest station. Contest activities should resume in late spring.

Repeater SIG. Mr. Chris Buchanan (N7JND) reported that he is now the new repeater chairman. The 146.80 repeater equipment is located at the Northwest Fire Station awaiting installation completion. This repeater should be back in operation by the end of the month. The 448.325 repeater is currently working at KF7ZZY's house. It is scheduled to move to the Corona de Tucson Fire department. The Fire Department has agreed to a \$1.00/year lease. The 444.925 machine is being reconditioned and will move to Mt. Lemmon when the weather is favorable to move that equipment. The status of all the Dstar equipment is unknown at this time, but there have been reported power issues with the Mt Lemmon site. Full Internet is available for the 146.80 site and Echo Link and IRLP will be available.

VE Testing: Ms. Zimmerman stated the we have not had the monthly test session as of this date. The session will be held next Monday at 7pm at the Hardesty Center.

Radio Direction Finding: No Input.

Public Relations (Days in the Park): Mr Matt Kent (NG2Q) gave a brief description of the Days in the Park operation. He also presents the goals behind the Days in the Park activity. Mr Kent requested a budget of \$150 for the Days in the Park activity. He also is looking for donations that can be used. Mr Kent has tentatively volunteered to head up the Field Day committee in conjunction with the Days in the Park activities. He is looking for suggestions for locations for future event for Days in the Park.

Nets: Until the Dstar repeaters are back up, the Saturday net will be conducted on 145.67 simplex. The Skywarn net is currently held once a month, on the first Tuesday on the EARS Net, 147.16 repeater. The Sahuaro net is held daily at 1830 on 147.16. Ten Meter net is every Tuesday on 28.420 at 2000. The VHF net is Thursday Evening on 144.21 USB at 1900.

Ms. Zimmerman stated the Christmas party was a major success and some photos have been posted on the RST Facebook page. She request that if anyone else took pictures and would like to post them, to please do.

An announcement was made the 2013 dues are due and can be paid in person or via the Paypal site.

New Business:

Mr Watson has created a Survey Monkey for club members concerning educational opportunities for club members such as upgrade classes or other education opportunities in relation to amateur radio.

Mr Gary Keck (KE7DX) stated that RST needed to coordinate with ARCA concerning the upcoming hamfest.

The raffle was conducted.

With no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2032.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff K. Steinkamp  
Secretary.