



# Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Month, Year Meeting Minutes

### July 15, 2017

**Call to Order:** 08:45 hours by Dave KB7GFL

**Introductions:** 9 members and 3 guests in attendance

**Secretary/Treasurers Report:** \$816.64 in bank account and \$58 in cash.

**Repeater Status / Net Report:** 70cm – op reported good with new repeater/controller, now at W7BCW's work shop using clubs ground plane antenna; 2m link – op and reports of good signals using new link rig; APRS – reports of hearing but cannot connect to; 6m – from others report that it is op; NET @ 19:30 hours every Tuesday status by Cybyl N6IBI averaging 8 check in's for July so far.

**Old Business:** Bruce W7BCW discussed results on checking the SWR on the semi-rigid coax transmission line used for clubs repeater site. SWR measured at 449 MHz (repeater RX freq.) showed 15 watts forward and ½ watt reflected, at 444 MHz (repeater TX freq.) showed 9 watts forward and 2 watts reflected for an SWR of 2.78 or rounding up 3:1. Reasons for this high SWR are still being investigated. John AC7LC showed FD results (posted on clubs website), Check off sheet needed on next FD so all points can be taken advantage of (NTS message not selected but that was done). Dave KB7GFL presented a map showing of where contacts had been made and curious no contacts made to Eastern WA.

**New Business:** Bruce W7BCW (acting on Kathy K7THY behalf) handed our ordering forms for shirts and hats to be collected at August 2017 club meeting. Club will pay for Setup fees. Tom K8TOM received an email from Dave Summers KI7DPP about the article in the Monroe Monitor on the Clubs Field day at Skykomish River Park in Monroe. Ernie W7EDA asked about repair on container that houses 6 meter repeater and APRS stations. Dwayne AF7VH talked about Channel 5 taking a video of Emergency operations and related that Sultan EOC has been coming in OK. Also Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> volunteers needed for Triathlon during hours of 7:30 AM to Noon and that ACS card is needed to participate.

**Adjournment:** 09:18 hours by Dave KB7GFL

**Good of the Order:** Presentation after meeting by guest speaker James Pratt K7QI on Grounding and Bonding.