



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

Month, Year Meeting Minutes

Oct. 21, 2017

Call to Order: 08:45 by Dave KB7GFL

Introductions: 8 members and 2 guests (Curly Roberts & Mike Rubino)

Secretary/Treasurer Report: \$1,157.70 in bank account; \$35 in petty 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 6 check in's for October so far.

Website Report: Kathy K7THY has not been able to update site due to medical issues however, she is recovering and will update the site with links to flood watches and other emergency operations links as this info becomes available per suggestion by Tom K8TOM.

Old Business: Kathy K7THY reported on shirts/hats update and the items ordered are still being worked on. If the shirts/hats become available before Nov. meeting she will have Tom K8TOM let everyone know that they can pick up what they ordered from her QTH. Bruce W7BCW talked about the measurements that he and Ernie W7EDA made on the repeater coax using Ernie's antenna analyzer.

As measured:

444 MHz SWR 2.4 : 1

449 MHz SWR 1 : 1

Then we swapped ends (load placed on end where analyzer was).

As measured:

444 MHz SWR 2.7 : 1

449 MHz SWR 1.9 : 1

Bruce W7BCW suggested that the club purchase new coax with connectors and a motion was put forward to the membership (and seconded) for Bruce to do this with a limit of \$250.

New Business: Dave KB7GFL suggested a meeting of club officers and any interested club members on a review of changes to the club bylaws. Meeting would be Nov. 3rd at Mountain View Diner in Goldbar at 11:30 AM. Dave KB7GFL reported that Goldbar has no ACS equipment only 800 MHz HT's. Discussion about container and fixing it up rather than building new shack to contain 6 meter repeater and APRS station.

Good of the Order: Brad KE7EOF attended the Winter Weather Summit and reported that an estimate on winter conditions for the rest of the year and into the first couple of months next year could be wetter, colder and windier than past years. Tom K8TOM talked about use of power packs that can be used to keep cell phones charged and perhaps other items that need power if weather (or terra firma shakes) creates widespread power outages. Brad KE7EOF also mentioned that a new portable communications trailer has been approved to replace the damaged bus that was used in the past.

Adjournment: 09:25 by Dave KB7GFL