



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

December 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 0900 hours by John AC7LC.

Introductions: 11 members in attendance.

Treasurers Report: \$246.59 in club bank account, \$10 in cash.

Repeater Status / Net Report: 70cm – repaired (found cracked chip cap on final PA transistor output) and setup at W7BCW QTH for now; 2m link – not active due to interface cable still in cabinet at repeater site; APRS – station is set for beacon plus digipeater use only and is working Ok; 6m – ID'ing only appears no RX; NET @ 19:30 hours every Tuesday status averaging 7 -8 check in's for Nov. 2019 – Dec. 2019 so far. Net Schedule: (No NET 12/24 and 12/31) 1/7/2020 Ernie W7EDA, 1/14 John AC7LC, 1/21 Bruce W7BCW, 1/28 Tom K8TOM (ACS WA7DEM Tuesday NET @ 20 hundred hours will be simplex only), 2/4 Kathy K7THY. Reminder to all NET controls to ask for signal report before start of NET, weather conditions can create issues at temporary repeater site QTH.

Webmaster Report: Web page Thank you to all prior military service club members. Kathy K7THY will be setting up new web pages for DMR radio info plus YouTube links to videos that have been presented at club meetings. The homepage will have highlights from the months past club meeting.

Old Business: Field Day may still be possible at Lake Tye Park as the Triathlon will be done at around noon to 1 PM on Saturday. Operating Field Day at Sultan EOC still possible and OK'd by Sultan Fire Chief. At issue for Sultan is lack of public access/travel to sight.

New Business: Bruce W7BCW purchased a new duplexer for the 70 cm repeater and has it installed along with the repeater at his QTH plus he installed a new Comet GP-6 ground plane antenna (same model used at clubs repeater site on water tank) that has some gain to help with access from long distance stations. Bruce W7BCW thanked Eric K7QOG for the donation of an Icom IC-4020 repeater as a spare when the clubs DR-1X has problems.

Good of the Order: Kathy K7THY provided a link to a website that can make callsign labels to replace the AnyTone label on AT-D868 and 878 DMR HT's <https://sites.google.com/view/kc8gl/> . Bruce W7BCW showed pix and talked about a new piece of test gear that is very affordable and handy for antenna measurements and 2 port measurements called NanoVNA a vector network analyzer <http://nanovna.com/> . Tom K8TOM talked about upcoming presentations on WinLink in Feb. 2020 meeting and APRS date to be determined plus downloading YouTube videos on topics of interest to club members that can be played back during Club Meetings. Sharon won the Club Calendar! 1st of its kind that will be available to other Club Members.

Adjournment: 0935 hours by John AC7LC and seconded by Bruce W7BCW