



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

May 18, 2019

Call to Order: 0900 hours by V.P. Garth KA7BVS

Introductions: 12 members in attendance and 1 guest Robert KF7IFP.

Treasurers Report: \$381.29 in bank account and \$20 in cash

Repeater Status / Net Report: 70cm – operational; 2m link – operational; APRS – station is set for beacon plus digipeater use only and is working Ok; 6m – operational but reported by John AC7LC and Bruce W7BCW has become intermittent ; NET @ 19:30 hours every Tuesday status averaging 7 - 8 check in's for April 2019 – May 2019 so far. NET Control Sched: 6-4 Bruce W7BCW; 6-11 Tom K8TOM; 6-18 Kathy K7THY; 6-25 Ernie W7EDA.

Webmaster Report: Net script has changed, please see net control page for further info. Clubs website is always in state of change so please check it out at least once a week for latest club info. Always hit “refresh”.

Old Business: Field Day hours of participation may include going overnight all the way to 11 AM Sunday morning. Field Day dates are June 22nd to 23rd and will be at Lake Tye Park in Freylands area.

New Business: More Field Day info – Need participants to arrive at site between 9 and 9:30 AM Saturday morning. Discussion of shifts at different stations for full 24hr operation time. Kathy K7THY says club will have a BBQ and will need some to bring pot luck items to be determined next month. Kathy K7THY will clean and paint sandwich boards ready for art work to be applied by Fred KE7HOD who will also be safety officer during FD. Talked about having 3 transmitters, W7BCW, AC7LC and Dave KB7GFL. Kris N7KDM and Garth KA7BVS will have back up rigs in case of rig failure. So far 3 antennas have been suggested, John AC7LC beam, Kris N7KDM trap dipole who's apex will be on trailer radio tower and Dave KB7GFL with his Eagle Vertical. Mike K7LLY will be using his 6 meter rig to make contacts on that band. Bill KE7WTR will take care of visitor table. Talk of using helium filled balloons with our logo printed on them and visitors can take them and good source of recognition to the club. Tom K8TOM will make Costco runs if need be.

Good of the Order: Ernie W7EDA talked about using solar panel to power QRP rig for extra points. He also talked about an issue with his VHF/UHF rig that would work in medium and low power but not high, turns out the regulator circuit went bad and caused excessive voltage that would shut down his rig unless he used lower power. See Ernie for details.

Adjournment: 0951 hours by Garth KA7BVS and seconded by Tom K8TOM