



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

October 2019 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 0857 hours by Pres. John AC7LC.

Introductions: 13 members and 1 guest (Gary KF7NFB).

Treasurers Report: \$421.99 in clubs bank account, \$30 cash.

Repeater Status / Net Report: 70cm – broken, no TX output; 2m link – not active due to 70cm repeater down; 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 8 check in's for Sept. 2019 – Oct. 2019 so far. Net Schedule: 11/5 John AC7LC (use emergency power), 11/12 Bruce W7BCW, 11/19 Dave KB7GFL, 11/26 Kathy K7THY. Kathy K7THY has requested send Tuesday nights NET # check-in's to her (along with paper report to Garth KA7BVS) so she can update clubs webpage. With 70cm repeater down club net has been using 145.650 MHz simplex and so far reports are very good signal wise without repeater. As suggested by Bill KE7WTR next net everyone should use emergency power during net to make sure everyone can get on air even without grid power.

Webmaster Report: Due to webmaster being out of state so web pages have not been updated but now that she is back webpages will be updated as time permits.

Old Business: As suggested by Bruce W7BCW next year's Field Day be setup in Sultan EOC trailer was acceptable to everyone present. Still need to discuss with and get approval from Sultan fire chief. Rule changes: Define quorum as half of the active membership plus one. Officer elections will be held on even years (2 year positions). These rules were approved by members present at this month's meeting.

New Business: Kathy K7THY brought up making calendars with pictures to sell for \$5 each to make funds for the club for club activities. Bruce W7BCW talked about the problem with clubs 70cm repeater and ongoing problems trying to troubleshoot and repair. PA final MOSFET damaged and PCB slightly burnt along with 2 chip caps on drain connection. MOSFET and 2 chip caps have been replaced but still no power output. Seems there is another problem upstream from final that may be the cause of PA final failure.

Good of the Order: Ernie W7EDA talked about an upcoming movie "Current Wars" the fight between Edison and Tesla in regards to DC versus AC power transmission and generation. Tom K8TOM mentioned next month's presenter N7ER on DMR and ARRL coming out with alternate publication focused on new hams called "On the Air" and scouts JOTA.

Adjournment: 0938 hours by John AC7LC and seconded by Bruce W7BCW