



# Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

## August 15, 2020 Virtual Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 0900 hours by Garth KA7BVS via ZOOM. The previous month minutes were read and approved by Jim KI7WXT and John AC7LC.

**Introductions:** 12 member on ZOOM plus one guest, Hal Reid K6DPL. Hal is with PARC (Piedmont Amateur Radio Club). K4PAR in Millidgeville GA.

**Treasurers Report:** \$473.05 in bank account. \$10.00 in cash

**Webmaster Report:** Display of updates to web page. Two new members, Barb and Dave Lindberg will be added to the club and the web page. Guest Hal Reid K6DPL complimented webmaster Kathy K7THY on her excellent work.

**Repeater Status/Net Report:** The 2 meter repeater has failed and the ICOM RP4020 is restored temporarily. SVARC net schedule: 9/15 John AC7LC , 9/22 Ernie 9/28 Sharon KJ7EZB. Net is every Tuesday at 1930 hours.

**Old Business:** Bruce W7BCW reported that replacement components for the repeater has been frustrating and not very productive. Sellers are not reliable.

**New Business:** However a new FTM 400 component has been purchased and will operate with a control head for ease of operation and reliability. All SVARC Field Day contacts have been tallied and sent to ARRL. The final tally will not be available until December. Guest Hal Reid K6DPL described his clubs Field Day activity and gave descriptions of his clubs antennas and associated radio hardware. A work party headed by Ernie W7EBA will be held at the site of the donor to begin the dismantle of the 60' tower and tri-band antenna. Garth KA7BVS has expressed interest in having the antenna and mast.

**Good of the Order:** The current strength of the solar cycle was discussed and possibility of contacts. Bill KE7WTR suggested that winterizing the repeater container be given consideration. Kathy K7THY encourage all to check in to the net ahead of the scheduled net time in order to test equipment.

**Adjournment:** 10:15 by John AC7LC second by Jim KI7WXT.