



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

December 19, 2020 Virtual Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 0900 hours by Garth KA7BVS via ZOOM

Introductions: 16 members and one guest

Guest Speaker: James Monroe N7YEB, leader of the Pilchuck Chapter of Scouting America (formerly BSA) gave a presentation. He elaborated on the principals of Scouting America and its origin and history. He also described the process of earning merit badges and the attainment of higher Scout ranks and levels. His main reason for visiting the SVARC site was to explain his need for Radio Merit Badge Counselors to assist Scouts in attaining that badge. He explained that each badge has an accompanying book/pamphlet that describes the knowledge needed by the scout. Jim KI7WXT, offered that studying and understanding the pamphlet would be beneficial to most of our Members and essential to assisting the Scouts. Kathy K7THY, suggested that enlisting the aid of older Scouts who are in the Public School System would be effective in raising Amateur Radio awareness and interest and its contribution to public safety. Tom K8TOM, assured the group that Scouts are indeed available in schools as his son's participation can attest. He also elaborated on the value of the Radio Merit Badge Booklet. Scoutmaster Monroe's presentation was of high value and interest. This Secretary urges all member to view it on the ZOOM recorded session on the website

Old Minutes: Read and approved

Treasurers Report: \$349.18 in bank account. \$40.00 in cash

Webmaster Report: Webmaster Kathy K7THY, advised that when recording the ZOOM session, the full screen mode must be invoked in order to view the session as seen originally.

Repeater Status: Bruce W7BCW reported that the 70 cm repeater is functioning well but more height is required for better performance. The 6-meter repeater is not currently receiving. The City of Sultan will be contacted regarding the placement of a small telephone pole for the attachment of antenna mast thus removing them from the water tank. That and cabling, guy wires, and the addition of pre-amps will be a project for next spring.

Net Report: Dave KB7GFL, reported that the average check ins on the Tuesday evening net is 12.6 and quite steady. Net controls are as follows: 1/5 Bruce W7BCW 1/12 Tom K8TOM 1/19 David KB7GFL.

Old Business: The suggestion of using drones and balloons for raising antennas was moved to a future meeting.

New Business: David KB7GFL, suggested that 2021 Field Day site selection and planning be considered given the uncertainty of the Covid19 restrictions. Jim KI7WXT suggested that the Scouts be invited to Field Day and Tom K8TOM suggested that they perhaps be involved in JODA.

Good of the Order: Garth KA7BVS, reported that the router controller had been recovered from the tower and antenna removed from the residence by the Club. A Drake R-4 receiver was also contributed and it will probably be sold to a collector and the funds placed in the treasury. Jim KI7WXT, offered logistical support for any club project and Bill KE7WTR, offered help as well

Adjournment: 9:45