

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 0900 hours by Pres. John AC7LC.

Introductions: 20 members present and 3 guest Craig, Steve and Ron (Smokey).

Treasurers Report: \$409.51 in bank account, \$10 cash.

Repeater Status / Net Report: 70cm – operational & 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 8 - 10 check in's for Jan 2020 – Feb. 2020 so far. Net Schedule: 3/3 Kathy K7THY, 3/10 Bruce W7BCW, 3/17 Kathy K7THY, 3/24 Dave KB7GFL, 3/31 John AC7LC. Reminder to all NET controls to ask for signal report before start of NET, weather conditions can create signal strength issues at temporary repeater site QTH.

Webmaster Report: Webmaster Kathy K7THY updates front page of W7SKY.org with current news and highlights from the past club meeting.

Old Business: Field Day will take place at Lake Tye Park as the Triathlon ends at 12 noon so the W7SKY FD can still be run from that site. Per ARRL rules for FD operation hours can be extended past end if start is delayed at beginning. Membership dues are due and can be paid at the meeting or mailed to PO Box 77 Sultan, WA 98294. If membership dues have not been paid by end of March SVARC meeting you will be dropped off of membership roster and email lists.

New Business: Nominations for the next 2 year term of club officers: President: Garth KA7BVS; V. President: Dave KB7GFL; Secretary: Bill KE7WTR; Member at Large #1: Kris N7KDM; Member at Large #2: Mike K7LLY. Before elections at the March club meeting we will still take nominations for any of the officer positions. After introductions Eric K7QOG gave a presentation on WinLink and provided handouts (a copy of that handout is available on clubs web page).

Good of the Order: John AC7LC showed a mouse pad that can reduce a wireless mouse battery draw that's made by 3M. Tom K8TOM talked about providing useful YouTube videos on different subject's members would be interested in at the meetings. These would be 20 to 30 minutes in length.

Adjournment: 1029 hours

50/50: Won by Karen KI7NHP and she graciously gave back the winnings to the club.