



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

May 16, 2020 Virtual Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 0900 hours by Garth KA7BVS via Zoom.

Introductions: 11 members on Zoom

Treasurers Report: \$439.76 in bank account, \$10 in cash.

Repeater Status / Net Report: 70cm – main Yaesu DR-1X repeater TX has failed. Now using ICOM RP4020 backup and setup at W7BCW QTH for now; 2m link – not active; APRS – station is set for beacon plus digipeater use only and is working Ok; 6m – operational working Ok; NET @ 19:30 hours every Tuesday status averaging 11 - 12 check in's for April 2020 – May 2020 so far. Net Schedule: 6-16 Bruce W7BCW, 6-23 Sharon KJ7EZB, 6-30 Garth KA7BVS, 7-7 Dave KB7GFL, 7-14 Tom K8TOM. 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 reported new items on ACS page and on repeater page now showing repeater status/updates.

Old Business: Bruce W7BCW discussed problem with Yaesu DR-1X repeater and has not had time to open up to inspect TX module but indications are the final MOSFET is dead again, zero output, backup ICOM repeater is now in use. During NET meeting a couple of weeks ago W7BCW was net control and when NET was done Bruce went to repeater to disconnect antenna because of lightning activity, only to find TX side cavity of duplexer very warm almost hot to touch. Bruce has added some standoffs to duplexer and has added a fan to keep duplexer cooled down.

New Business: Field day – Lake Tye Triathlon has been canceled/on hold till May 31 so at this time no conflict with FD event, however with wu-flu still somewhat active it is unknown if stay at home order will be extended into June. There will be a virtual meeting for Field day on June 6th at 9 AM for interested parties to discuss FD during social distancing guidelines and members that will not be attending due to pandemic.

Good of the Order: Use to be good but sure has turned pretty crappy these past few months!

Adjournment: 0930 hours by Zoom (they shut us down after 40 minutes).