



## Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

### January 16 , 2021 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:** 15 members and one guest (Hal Reid K8DPL) on ZOOM

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

**Webmaster Report:** Webmaster Kathy K7THY was not in attendance but Bruce W7BCW reported that there had been updates to the Net Report and Home Page

**Repeater Status/Net Report:** Bruce W7BCW reported that the repeater is working well on all three bands and that linking 70cm, 2 meter, and 6 meter bands is ongoing. Garth KA7BVS reported that net sign ins are averaging 11 per week. The separate 6 meter net is averaging 3 – 4 per net.

**Old Business:** Tom K8TOM elaborated on the requirements for assisting Scouting in their qualification for amateur radio badges. Any of our members wishing to aid as counselors must become qualified with the Scouting organization and pass a background check. Tom K8TOM is available to aid in this process. Our members who qualify could then attend Scouting meetings in person.

**New Business:** Bruce W7BCW recapped his previous reporting of linking the three bands on our repeater and the physical, equipment, and procedural requirements that must be met. The advantages of having three bands linked was discussed and adding 220 Mhz was also suggested. Bruce stated two or more radios that offered unique or multi band bands. Those radios are ANYTONE D578U and ALINCO DR235T. Guest Hal K8DPL reported on the repeater and antenna configuration of his club: The Piedmont Amateur Radio Club K4PAR. Hal K8DPL gave a detailed description of his clubs linked repeaters and their connectivity to the Winlink Node. Erik K7QOG described the functionality and use of Coop (sp?) trailers, their use, placement, and contents, as a resource during a severe emergency crisis. It was suggested that local sites for their placement be identified. Jim KI7WXT asked about the SVARC's plan for emergency readiness. Garth KA7BVS and Bruce explained that such a plan had not been formalized but suggested that communications could be established via 2 meter simplex and that members keep their 2 meter equipment and power sources in good order.

**Good of the Order:** Bruce W7BCW announced that he has an extra 6 meter vertical antenna for sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 1025.