



## Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes

### March 20, 2021 Virtual Meeting

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

**Introductions:** 21 Members and one guest Wayne K7QHQ, on ZOOM. Garth KA7BVS invoked a new introduction technique. Members were asked to comment on personal events, acquisitions, etc. Many interesting topics came up and the technique met with approval.

**Treasurers Report:** \$949.18 in bank account. \$25.00 in cash \$170.00 in dues and \$310.00 in contributions were received.

**Webmaster Report:** Webmaster Kathy K7THY reported that Trax Edge had been contacted regarding resuming the use of the facility for meetings. There is a possibility that April might be feasible depending on state regulations. Kathy K7THY also suggested that the new SSC in Sultan may provide space.

**Repeater Status/Net Report:** Bruce W7BCW reported that the 440 repeater is operating and being monitored. Bruce W7BCW presented a very detailed report on future repeater enhancements and improvements. Given its complexity, this Secretary suggests that members who were not on the ZOOM meeting watch the video recording. David KB7GFL reported an average of 12 sign ins on 440 – 2meters and the 6meter net is averaging 3 – 4 per net. The upcoming net controllers are as follows:

3/30 Dave KB7GFL > 4/6 John AC7LC > 4/1 Garth KA7BVS, > 4/20 Kathy K7THY

**Old Business:** The 2021 Field Day will follow the same procedure as the 2020 event. Covid guidelines will be followed. The event will be held at the Lake Tye Park.

**New Business:** Sharon KJ7EZB presented her new Go Kit rig. It is remarkable light weight and compact and generally affordable. Given that this presentation is complex and visual, it is recommended that members not in attendance view the ZOOM recording. Jim KI7WXT suggested that a club lifetime membership be considered as an option. There will be consideration of and further discussion of this topic.

**Good of the Order:** There was vigorous discussion of the Go Kit. A demo and construction clinic was suggested. Jim KI7WXT suggested the club consider constructing and marketing a Go Kit as a fund raiser. The Go Kit has gained a lot of traction and will be the subject of considerable activity in the future. David KC7GEB announced his appointment as a project manager in the Index-Galena Road reconstruction project. This led to a lengthy and vigorous discussion of communication in the Upper Skykomish Valleys. It was noted that there is little repeater activity and poor reception with the exception of being able to reach the Tiger Mountain Repeater. The topic of working with the various Fire Departments was discussed. Mike K7LLY reported that previous attempts to work with the Fire Departments in the past was futile. Kathy K7THY suggested that perhaps with the construction of the new fire station in Sultan, there could be renewed interest. This subject was bumped to future consideration. This was the second ZOOM meeting where, after adjournment, the link was left open for open discussion. The topics are almost always technical issues regarding radio programming, antennas, propagation, and components, etc. and has been very informative and constructive. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.