

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes
August 15, 2009

Call to Order: 08:05 by Tom K8TOM

Introductions: David KB7GFL, Brad KE7EOF, Tom K8TOM, Fred KE7HOD, John AC7LC, Eldon WA0UWH, Mike WB7FJG, Diane KE6JRP, Charlie N6IBI, Martin AC7SI, Wes KE7EEA, Mike KE7OKV, Dan N7ENE, Dave W7AGJ

Secretary/Treasurer Report: \$783.60 as of 7-31-09 Activity +\$41.00 dues deposit & \$0.14 interest

Repeater Status:

70 cm: Okay
2 m link: Okay
6 m: Inop
APRS: Inop

Old Business: Nathan is in the process of updating the club's web site. This will be ongoing for the next couple of months. David has been working with club documents in efforts to write a short club history. Brad mentioned "Night Out Against Crime" was successful. A display was set up in Lake Tye Park. It was suggested that next year the club participate setting up a small event station.

New business: Eldon asked about the clubs 70 cm repeater and the apparent lack of activity. Dave W7AGJ explained that the intent of the repeaters coverage was designed just for this local area. Dave also mentioned that many repeaters are being used less due to cell phone usage. Charlie asked about the possibility of the Snoqualmie Valley ARC joining us for the 2010 Field Day activities. Positive comments were made concerning the possibility. Their club meeting is on the first Thursday at 7pm in the Duvall Fire Station. Brad introduced the possibility that an emergency communications group be formed under the city of Monroe. The area of operation would be the Monroe area including Sultan and Gold Bar.

Good of the Order: International Reply Coupons, IRC's are available at the Everett Post Office for \$2.10 each. These are used to compensate Hams for postage in

mailing QSL cards. Note, when sending QSL cards to other countries, its best NOT to write call signs on the envelope... not all foreign mail service is honest.

Adjournment: 08:57 by Tom