

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes
March 21, 2009

Call to Order: 08:00 by Tom K8TOM

Introductions: David KB7GFL, Mike KE7OKV, Marty AC7SI, Wes KE7EEA, Diane KE6JRP, Charlie N6IBI, Ken Dempsey KE7TJH visitor and new member, Dave AA7L, Brad KE7EOF, John AC7LC, Fred KE7HOD, Bob WB7SEC, Dan N7ENE, Dave W7AGJ, Tom K8TOM

Secretary/Treasurer Report: \$737.96 as of February 28, 2009, activity \$35.00 dues deposit and \$0.16 interest

Repeater Status:

70 cm- intermittent
2 m link- okay
6 m- inop
APRS- inop

Old Business: AA7L will provide information about the HAM Treasure hunt activity at our April meeting. David and Tom gave an informational talk about our 2009 FD site at Lake Tye Park in Monroe. David and Brad showed site photos. Issues to consider are the wind and how we want to setup under the shelter with respect to the sun angle and the public. Dave discussed considerations in using a balloon to lift a 40 meter half wave antenna. Mentioned was support of the owner in the activity as well as liability issues with using borrowed equipment. Also mentioned was the possibility of 40 meter QRP CW operations.

New business: Dave was asked by Tom to give a briefing on repeaters at a future meeting. Also, Dave and Dan were asked to discuss the club's history at a future meeting as well. Today is the North Dakota QSO party. The Stanwood Hamfest will take place on May 9th at Stanwood Middle School. Check nwecop@tgi.net for more information. Dave W7AGJ, has a collection of Ham Radio magazines dating 1970's-1980 available. He mentioned articles about the first transatlantic contacts and the digital mode Hellschreiber. Dave also gave away an 11 meter transiver during the meeting, the winner was Ken KE7TJH.

Election results are as follows:

President- Tom K8TOM

Vice President- Brad KE7EOF

Sec/Treas. - David KB7GFL

Member at Large #1- Steve KE7HOB

Member at Large #2- Dave W7AGJ

The club has realized the need to locate a new meeting site that will more closely meet our requirements of a conducive atmosphere and the availability of food service. David and Tom made two site visits and had discussions with management at Blue Boy West Golf Course and at the Best Western in Monroe. Site photos were also displayed along with breakfast menus. After discussions the club voted on meeting at Blue Boy Golf Course starting on April 18, 2009 at 8 am. Contact information:

blueboywest.com

27927 Florence Acres Rd, Monroe, WA

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Good of the Order: John AC7LC, gave a presentation about Anderson Power Pole connectors. He showed his mobile set-up, crimpers and the power distribution box. These connectors are becoming the ARES, RACES standard for field ops. More can be found at www.andersonpower.com

Adjournment: 09:24 by Tom K8TOM