

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes
February 20, 2010

Call to Order: 08:00 by Tom K8TOM

Introductions: David KB7GFL, Bruce W7BCW, Ken KE7TVH, Mike WB7FJG, Martin AC7SI, Diane KE6JRP, Charlie N6IBI, Tom K8TOM, Dan N7ENE, John AC7LC, Wes KE7EEA, Dave AA7L, Connie KF7EZF, Dave W7AGJ

Secretary/Treasurer Report: \$761.14 as of Jan 31, 2010, Activity of + \$0.07 interest.

Repeater Status:

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

Old Business: Reminder of the Microhams Tech course is the weekend of February 26th. Fred contacted Tom after the January meeting and indicated he may be interested in acting as a school liaison for the Sultan High School.

New business: Tom briefly discussed the pending merger of ARES and RACES. Next meeting, March 20th, will be the club officer election. Tom and David introduced the subject of increasing the club dues citing the need for the following: Repeater repair and upgrade, Web site fees, online library resources, Guest speaker gratuity, Field Day expenditures, Club outreach projects and School club program. After discussion the club took a vote on dues increase. The proposal was approved 12 to 2. The new dues schedule effective today is as follows:

Senior-over 65 years of age \$10
Senior and spouse \$15
Regular \$20
Regular family \$30
Associate (non Licensed) and student (age 18 or less) \$5

Following the vote, the category of Associate and student was clarified to include students age 18 or younger. The club's By-Laws will be changed to reflect this clarification and new dues schedule.

Good of the Order: Sun spots are making reappearance on the sun! Dave shared his 40 meter QRP rig and showed photos of his condo antenna set-up. John gave an interesting and informative presentation about emergency power for the Ham station. He distributed an Emergency Power Worksheet to help calculate power requirements and to help determine emergency power sources.

Adjournment: 09:02 by Tom