



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

Month, Year Meeting Minutes

Dec. 19, 2015

Call to Order: 08:42 local by John AC7LC

Introductions: 9 in attendance (2 guests)

Secretary/Treasurers Report: \$684.40 in bank account; \$70.84 in petty cash

Repeater Status / Net Report: 70cm – op with intermittent good to poor RX (possible antenna/transmission line problem); 2m link – op; APRS – unsure at this time; 6m – intermittent op reported. NET status by Cybil N6IBI about 4 to 5 check-ins per week on Tuesday @ 19:30 hours local.

Old Business: Cascadia Rising event Dave KB7GFL brought up using NVIS antenna @ Stevens pass on HF which should give good local signal strength due to NVIS propagation properties. This needs to be tested out sometime this spring.

New Business: Bruce W7BCW asked Tom K8TOM about status of his solar panel install. Tom reported that only solar panels made in Washington State can be used and at present all the panels in stock had been sold. Tom then brought up a different approach looking for grant via REAP from US Dept. of Agriculture. Bruce W7BCW then asked about using batteries to store power for later use including NET metering use during daylight hours. A thought was presented that having battery power available during power outages would be good to have even though overall installation cost are significantly higher.

Raffle: \$26 pot and \$13 was won by guest Carol K.

Adjournment: 09:15 local by John AC7LC