



# Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

## September 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 0900 hours by Garth, KA7BVS via ZOOM. The previous month's minutes were read and approved by Bruce, W7BCW and approved by Garth, KA7BVS.

**Introductions:** 13 members via ZOOM

**Treasurers Report:** \$538.05 checking, \$10 cash. Took in \$90 in contributions for recently purchased repeater equipment.

**Repeater Status / Net Report:** Bruce, W7BCW informed us the FTM-400 repeater working fine. Bruce, through the use of a control-head, has been able to adjust the output power to 30 watts. Additionally, he installed a fan that should keep duplexer cooler. The 2meter link is working! Be advised that once the link is brought-up, it will remain active for only 30 minutes regardless of activity. If you are having trouble accessing the 70cm repeater, try the 2meter side of the system. Our SVARC net schedule: 9/22 Ernie W7EDA, 9/29 Sharon KE7EZB, 10/6, David KB7GFL, 10/13 John AC7LC, 10/20 Kathy K7THY and 10/27 Bruce W7BCW.

**Webmaster Report:** Kathy, K7THY has posted pictures of the "Tower" removal project several of the club members that lent a hand. Kathy also reminded us that the status of the 2meter link is posted on the web page under Club Stuff-Repeater.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Bruce, W7BCW suggested the repeater be relocated from the base of the tower on the water tank to inside the container. This would facilitate ease of access and in particular during hour of darkness and inclement weather. This relocation would require two runs of coax between the repeater and the two antennas (2 meter & 70 cm), plus supporting hardware. Additional items needed, a UHF power amplifier and a VHF pre/power amp to compensate for line loss, as well as a 100 watt duplexer. Garth, KA7BVS discussed the Club selling surplus/donated equipment items. Several on line advertising venues were put forth. Kathy K7THY will check into the Club getting a Pay Pal account to handle these and other Club transactions. David, KB7GFL proposed the Club make a donation to Dave Casler, KE0OG's You Tube site to help support his on-going Amateur Radio educational activity. The amount of \$25 was approved.

**Good of the Order:** Following the SVARC net on September 27th, Bruce, W7BCW would like to a check of the 6 meter repeater. If you have 6 meter capability, please participate and we'll get a check on the 6 meter repeater.

**Adjournment:** 10:05 by Garth, KA7BVS