



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

February 20, 2021 Virtual Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 0900 hours by Garth KA7BVS via ZOOM. The previous month minutes were read and approved.

Introductions: 16 members and one guest Ralph Carr on ZOOM

Treasurers Report: \$554.18 in bank account. \$0.00 in cash

Webmaster Report: Webmaster Kathy K7THY reported that she would like to hand the webmaster task off to a new person. There was significant support of her remaining the Webmaster as the SVARC Web has been noticed nationwide as well as internationally. It was suggested by Garth KA7BVS that an attempt be made to identify a new Webmaster and that the matter be taken seriously to see other options for webmaster. Bruce W7BCW reported on renewed annual dues to be made and urged all members to mail in their 2021 dues to:
SVARC / PO BOX 77 / SULTAN, WA / 98294

Repeater Status/Net Report: Bruce W7BCW reported that the repeater has been shut down temporarily because of abuse by non-members who cannot be identified. No one seems to know how they gained access to the repeater. Bruce W7BCW suggested changing the link code and more closely monitor the repeater on a 24/7 basis. Garth KA7BVS reported that net sign ins are averaging 11 per week. The 6 meter repeater is currently inoperable and its repair is being researched. David KB7GFL reported an average of 12 sign ins and the 6meter net is averaging 3 – 4 per net. The upcoming net controllers are as follows:

2/23 John AC7L, 3/2 Garth KA7BVS, 3/9 Kathy K7THY, 3/16 Bruce W7BCW, 3/23 John AC7LC

Old Business: Kathy K7THY is inquiring as to when the meeting room at the Monroe Hospital might be available again. She will also seek alternative sites. Bill KE7WTR urged that any alternative site must be able to provide a quality breakfast!

New Business: Tom K8TOM reported that the club now has an Employee Identification Number which means we exist as a Not For Profit organization with Olympia. Steve N7SRR reported an 878 Code Plug failure and asked for technical assistance. Bill KE7WTR reported trying to volunteer for duties at the Evergreen Fairgrounds COVID Site but noticed that volunteers must be registered emergency workers. Tom K8TOM explained that it a liability issue for the County. Dave KI7DPP announced that he will be making a contribution toward repeater updates and repairs. The offer was well received!

Good of the Order: Garth KA7BVS reported that he now has vinyl decal production capability and is working on a SVARC decal.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.