

BISHOP AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INCORPORATED, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

Meeting begins on November 19, 2016, 1 pm, at Bishop Fire Training Facility.

Attendees: John (AD6NR) President, Terry (K6UN) Director and Treasurer, Jeff (AA7GK) Director and Vice President, and Jon (NW6C) Secretary. Kurt (W6PH) Director, out of town, delegated duties to those present.

John explained that an annual meeting of BARCs corporate Board of Directors was required by law to maintain our corporate standing. This meeting was literally to provide direction to goals and operation of the radio club.

The first order of business was to see if there was agreement on assuming responsibilities of the Mazourka Peak radio site. **Yes** was the unanimous response. This brought up another point of concern – per FCC regulation, only one “club” call is to be issued per club. Mazourka has been operating under SIARAs call of W6TD. BARCs call is N6OV. This will be given more thought.

BARCs support of a repeater at the Cerro Gordo site? It was agreed that this site could be valuable to our radio communications capabilities, but the major operation should be done by the SARC. Taking full responsibility would really stretch BARCs resources.

Emphasis for our club should be to improve paths to the north. What can we do to activate sites such as Antelope, Conway, Leviathon, and Bald Mountain? The main obstacle to access to these sites has been finding support from Mono County. Seth was mentioned as a good contact. John Neilsen (KE6VVH), as Mammoth Mountain's radio tech, might help. Mono County Search and Rescue might also help. Bill Green (KF6LUC) is part of S & R, and has been a good repeater supporter. More effort could be done in getting some action. It was agreed that Bald Mountain should be a prime development target.

Mammoth Mountain? What is the priority for the Club's Mammoth Mountain repeater? How much is it used? For a long time, this repeater has needed almost no upkeep. Recently it has not been “hearing” as well as it should. None of our quorum routinely monitors it. Jon used to, at the Caltrans office. This repeater was originally sponsored by Caltrans as the first radio communications site to directly connect the east and west sides of the Sierras. It allowed District 9 (Bishop) to call District 6 (Fresno) by radio. Caltrans provided all of the equipment, and Mammoth Mountain Resort provided the location and power. Since then, The original repeater died, Caltrans could not figure out how to repair it, so Search and Rescue volunteers bought a new replacement. The cabinet, duplexer, coax and antenna are still on Caltrans inventory. John added that BARC has been paying about \$41 a year to the Forest Service in permit fees. Jeff tried to key up the repeater from his truck. No luck.

Meeting concludes at 1:40 pm.

Jon Patzer, NW6C, Secretary, BARC, Inc.

PS – Mammoth repeater responded when keyed from Jon's house later that evening, although it took the “high power” seeing to do it. Probably Jeff's antenna was in a mutipath null. JP.