



April 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2018 are:

Paul Dostie	(KK6BAF)	- President
Jeff Tong	(AA7GK)	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	(W6RT)	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Paul Dostie (KK6BAF) at 19:07. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army building in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 8. These were, in alphabetic order: AD6NR, KA6HII, KG6JZJ, KK6BAF, K6BDI, NW6C, W6RT and W6WWY.

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Not discussed because Terry (K6UN) was not in attendance.

Old Business - Raffle

A total of 1,000 raffle tickets have been printed, and Paul (KK6BAF) brought them to the meeting. BARC members may begin selling them immediately, at \$5 apiece or 5 for \$20.

The tables to be used at Vons for selling raffle will reside at Jon's (NW6C) when not in use.

Paul (KK6BAF) will send Noam (W6RT) pictures and descriptions of the prizes (the 2 main prizes are rifles, one of which with a pink stock) for the purpose of creating a flyer.

Winners who are ineligible for or uninterested in the prize will receive the equivalent cash value of the prize in the form of a gift certificate (cash payments are not allowed).

Old Business - Fundraising Sale of Vintage Electronics Stored by Jon (NW6C)

Jon (NW6C) was contacted by an interested party who is looking for specific items and wishes to meet at *BARC & SARC in the Park*. Jon will not be at this event but is following up.

Paul (KK6BAF) will find out about getting a table at the Choo Choo Swap Meet at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop on May 5th.

Old Business - Linking Between the Inyo County (Silver, Mazourka) Repeaters and the Mono/Alpine County (Antelope, Leviathan, Conway) Repeaters

John (AD6NR) said all the equipment is in place. There are, however, two issues. First, the link between Leviathan Peak and Conway Summit is broken (and we link to Conway). Second, John voiced concern regarding defamatory remarks made by a radio operator who is locally known but who may be taken seriously by operators who live farther away and do not know of the situation.

To address the risk of irresponsible and damaging comments, it was agreed that the link would be turned on for controlled nets only, and that the link activation codes would not be made known to the public.

Old Business - BARC Support for the Bishop Ultramarathon

Keith (W6KRF) and Ed (K6END) were not in attendance. Paul (KK6BAF) will check with them on when they plan to hold an organizational meeting for the volunteers.

Old Business - Potential New Repeater Site above the Town of Cerro Gordo

Paul (KK6BAF) called the BLM and they referred him to a broker who made him aware of a site with great coverage of the south Owens Valley and the Panamint Valley. There is no structure, which means BARC (with the potential assistance of SARC) would need to provide all the equipment, including the weatherproof equipment box and solar power.

John (AD6NR) recommended prioritizing Bald Mountain instead, where there is an existing structure and power. This site is in the Glass Mountains and would provide coverage of stretches of 395 that are currently spotty.

Old Business - 50/50 Raffle

Not performed because Rich (KF6YLW) was not in attendance.

New Business - BARC & SARC in the Park

Not discussed because Keith (W6KRF) was not in attendance.

New Business - ARRL Field Day

Discussed potential locations for this year's field day. Past locations include Grandview (near White Mountain), Mono Vista (near Lee Vining), Big Pine, and Bishop City Park. SARC had historically had Field Day at Horseshoe Meadow (above Lone Pine). Paul (KK6BAF) proposed Minaret Vista (near Mammoth Lakes) due to its relatively convenient location, cool temperatures, and unimpeded 360-degree views. Paul will work to secure permission from the US Forest Service.

Items from the Floor

As mentioned above in the context of the Mono/Alpine County linking project, there was a recent incident in which a local radio operator made on-air, repeated defamatory remarks directed at another local radio operator. Local operators are well aware of the former's tendencies. No decision was made, other than to keep an ear on the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 20:16.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary

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