



April 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2019 are:

Bill Chezum	(W6WWY)	- President
Jeff Tong	(AA7GK)	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	(W6RT)	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by Vice President Jeff Tong (AA7GK) at 19:02. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army building in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 13. They were: AA7GK, AD6NR, K6SEC, K6UN, KG6JGJ, N6BEV, N6BXP, NW6C, W6KRF, W6PB, WA6IQO, WB6L.

Minutes

Financial Report:

Terry (K6UN) reported that all is well, including having paid the Inyo County property taxes for the Silver Peak repeater building. Revising the club roster is on the to-do list.

Field Day:

June 22-23. Paul (KK6BAF) has reserved the group camping area on the south side of Westgard Pass. A field trip is planned to go to the site on April 20, 10 AM, south junction of 168/395 (Big Pine), to get a better idea of how to prepare for deployment. *[Editor's Note: the trip was postponed to May 5.]* BARC has had Field Day there several times in the past. One of the reasons we went elsewhere was that several of the club's avid radio operators were restricted to lower elevations due to doctors' orders. That does not seem to be an issue now, and the higher location with cooler temperatures should be a big plus. Another issue at that location was thunder shower activity for a while

before dark. John (AD6NR) said that he was already committed to attending Earth Day on April 20th at the Bishop Park.

BARC and SARC at the Park:

April 27 at the park on the north end of Lone Pine (by Carl's Jr.). This is a meeting and swap meet between the Sierra Amateur Radio Club out of Ridgecrest and the Bishop Amateur Radio Club. Keith (W6KRF) has reserved site number 68 at the Tuttle Creek campground with the idea of a BBQ there the night before.

Wild West Marathon:

First Saturday in May (May 4), at the same location as above, the park by Carl's Jr. in Lone Pine. Radio operator needed. This race starts at Tuttle Creek, goes through the Alabama Hills, and ends at the park. One radio location would be at Whitney Portal.

Bishop Ultra-Marathon:

June 1. Many radio operators needed. This starts at dawn in the picnic area on the Millpond Park north of Bishop, winds around the Tungsten Hills, through the Buttermilks, up Bishop Creek, and then back to the Millpond. Finishers come across the line as late as midnight. Actual time needed for the radio operator depends on the location of the aide station. Some stations early in the route (where the runners will not return) can redeploy to help at other parts of the course. Radio operators arriving later in the day can help relieve operators that started early. Most locations have easy access to the 146.94 repeater. Intake 2 on Bishop Creek has been one of the more challenging radio spots in the past because of multi-path. That area is critical of antenna location. Using "remote base," where a 440 MHz handheld is relayed through 2m by a mobile station, is the ideal setup for a lot of the locations. Operators in the Eastern Sierra 4x4 Club have helped in past races.

Badges:

Keith (W6KRF) has volunteered to supply badges to club members since he first joined the club, and intends to keep doing so. New badges were not at the meeting because he has ordered a new printer actually designed for

printing badges, rather than the general purpose one that he had been using. He has promised that the new high-tech badges will be (even) better than the originals.

Items from the Floor:

Randy (N6BXP) asked about Dennis (W6IY). Latest information was that Dennis was back at home after a medical trip to Reno. Dementia was on the rise while mobility was declining. Dennis does have full time caregivers.

Jeff (AA7GK) offered some information on the recent bicycle fatality in Chalfant Valley. His main observation was that it is important that information should be accurate, especially when reported to public newscasters.

Status on the "thank you" letter to the donors to our permit renewal fund was requested: Terry (K6UN) said he would be working on them and asked John (AD6NR) to forward him a copy of the draft letter.

Terry (K6UN) offered a few details on the Whitney Portal rescue. Responding to a car crash 100 feet down a cliff was an unusual challenge. Jeff and Terry then discussed financial compensation for the responders.

Meeting adjourned at 19:28.

Many thanks to Jon Patzer (NW6C) for taking notes in my absence.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)
Secretary
Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (BARC)