



## April 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2020 are:

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

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bill Chezum (W6WWY) at 18:59. Due to the need to observe social distancing, the meeting was held as a directed net over the club's linked 2m repeater system.

Number in attendance: 13. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: AD6NR John, K6TLH Tom, K6UN Terry, KD6TLE Gordon, KE6IWM Mike, KG6JZJ Dave, N6BEV Bev, N6SIT Paul, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, W6SRV Wayne, W6WWY Bill, and W7KRF Keith.

### Minutes

#### Financial Report:

Terry (K6UN) reported that Edison charged us \$39.94, and we received \$151 in dues from 2 members, the 50/50 raffle, and a radio sale. Our bank balance now stands at \$3,247.39.

#### Emergency Communications Drill:

John (AD6NR) reported that this has been postponed because it requires the participation of the 4x4 club in a way that is incompatible with social distancing guidelines. No new date has been set.

#### Bishop Ultra-marathon:

John (AD6NR) suspects that this will be canceled. *[Ed. Note: it is canceled.]*

## Field Day 2020:

John (AD6NR) indicated that we are awaiting ARRL guidance on whether it is sensible to hold Field Day as scheduled and, if so, under what guidelines.

## Items from the Floor:

Bill (W6WWY) reported with sadness that Paul (KK6BAF) has resigned his position as President and left the club. We will need to fill the President slot.

Jon (NW6C) said that at least 2 locals have approached him looking to take the ham exam. The ARRL VEC is yet to publish a policy for administering exams in a way that ensures the safety of both examiners and examinees. The club is welcoming ideas here. Bill (W6WWY) stepped forward and said he is happy to volunteer as a VE for an outdoor test (including proper distancing and PPE).

Keith (W7KRF) added that he read in QST that Alaska has been doing ham exams via video conference (e.g., Zoom) for a while.

Tom (K6TLH) announced that the ARRL VEC informed him today that he has been approved as a VE, but that applications are not currently being processed. In any case, he is happy to help with the administration of exams.

Paul (N6SIT) is also happy to help as a VE.

Jon (NW6C) clarified that per Dylan (a potential new local ham) the Alaska testing still requires one in-person VE to be present. Moreover, the Alaska testing is being done under the auspices of the Boy Scout VEC, not the ARRL VEC. BARC operates under and is required to follow the rules of the ARRL VEC.

Terry (K6UN) looked up the ARRL VEC site and confirmed that ARRL has so far only approved in-person testing. He has our exam copies, and can potentially provide a large venue that supports 6-foot separation: the Masonic Lodge.

Paul (N6SIT) asked how to renew membership given that club meetings are not currently taking place in person. Kindly mail checks to **BARC, PO Box 1024, Bishop, CA 93515**.

Meeting adjourned at 19:16.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary

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