



## **August 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club**

BARC's officers for 2017 are:

Paul Dostie	(KK6BAF)	– President
Jeff Tong	(AA7GK)	– Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	– Treasurer
Gordon Baldwin	(KD6TLE)	– Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Paul at about 7 PM. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 19

Those present provided name, call sign.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from prior meeting were electronically distributed to members following the last club meeting.

### **Treasurers Report**

Terry (K6UN) provided brief review of the BARC Financial Report for July 12, 2017 through August 8, 2017, as the entire report was unavailable. Approximately \$1600 has been repaid toward the National Forest Service (NFS) repeater fee of approximately \$2200. Terry provided an overview of the reason the fees was levied on the club. This explanation has been summarized in the notes of previous club meetings and may be reviewed on at the club web site, N6OV.com.

### **Old Business – Raffle Update**

Terry (K6UN) sent raffle application paperwork to the state of CA and now is waiting to hear back from them. A tentative date of October 1<sup>st</sup> has been set for the raffle. Paul (KK6BAF) suggested that one of the items raffled should be a rifle, as they have brought in lots of money in previous raffles. Paul asked that the group think of other possible prizes and let him know your ideas.

### **Old Business – Fundraising Sale of Vintage Electronics in Storage with Jon (NW6C)**

Jon (NW6C) is working on this. There has been some interest but no sales of the radio gear. Jon did sell some sound equipment and earned \$10 for the club coffers.

### **Old Business – Mazourka Peak Repeater Paint Detail**

Paul (KK6BAF) asked Keith (W6KRF) to assure the repeater building gets repainted within the next several weeks. Paul provided Keith with two gallons of paint to use. Paul asked other members to coordinate with Keith to help with the painting.

### **Old Business – Bodie Bowl**

This is taking place Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Bodie. Three operators are needed in total. One has volunteered so far. Paul (KK6BAF) is coordinating this, so get with him to volunteer.

### **Old Business – Tioga Pass Run**

This event takes place on September 10, 2017. A total of five operators are needed. Paul wants HF (60M). Three fixed position stations are needed plus two mobile operators. So far, the only volunteers are Keith and Paul. Contact Paul to help out.

### **50/50 Drawing**

Jim Nelligan (K6JNX) won \$14 and donated it to the repeater fund. Thanks, Jim!

### **New Business – The Town of Cerro Gordo Will Be on the Air in the Inyo Mountains**

On Friday August 11, 2017 the caretaker of Cerro Gordo ghost town (who is a HAM radio operator) will be looking for HF contacts on 60M, channel 5. He will be doing this after checking in on the nightly 2000 hour BARC VHF net.

### **New Business – Overview of Upcoming Total Solar Eclipse**

Rich (KF6YLW) gave an interesting multimedia presentation of what to expect and how to view the upcoming solar eclipse. The eclipse will take place on August 21, beginning about 0900 hours. Rich advised not looking at the sun with either the naked eye or with telescopes or other optical magnifiers. Instead, use special eclipse viewing glasses, a #14 welding filter, or view the sun's image indirectly by observing the sun's image projected onto a piece of paper. Guidelines were provided on how to make simple indirect viewing devices. Rich noted that the Owens Valley would not experience the total eclipse but only about a 75% solar occlusion.

### **New Business – Overview of Possible BARC Involvement in Getting Three Repeaters Operational and Linked**

Paul (KK6BAF) observed that it might be possible for BARC to take the lead in linking the Antelope, Conway Summit, and Leviathan repeaters. Paul volunteered to supply solar power to if needed. He observed that the Antelope machine is defective at this time and needs to be repaired. John (AD6NR) spoke with an I.T department head who is willing to have BARC members use their technical expertise to bring the ailing repeaters back into service. It was also noted that there is a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) in the Antelope Valley who would very much like these repeaters operational.

**New Business – Donation to BARC from Fish Lake Valley HAMs**

On behalf of the HAMs in Fish Lake Valley, Bob (W7WOW) presented a donation of \$300 toward the repeater fees charged by the NFS for Silver Peak and Mazourka Peak. Thanks to Bob and the others FLV amateur radio operators!

**New Business – Request for Help with Race Communications**

Greg (need call sign) with the Bishop 4X4 club, asked for BARC help to man a radio relay system for safety during an upcoming desert race. He requested radio operators for Weeks, NV (near Fallon, NV) on Friday, August 18 through Saturday August 19. The event is called the Vegas to Reno race. Contact Keith in Nevada at 702-249-8997 with questions or to volunteer.

**New Business – Items from the Floor – A Ride to the Northwest for Dennis to View the Eclipse**

Phil (WA6PH) asked BARC members to consider partnering with Dennis (W6IY) to travel together to Idaho to view the Eclipse.

Meeting Adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

Gordon Baldwin (KD6TLE)  
Secretary  
Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc.