



August 14, 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 19:15. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army building in Bishop, CA. The meeting started late because Paul (KK6BAF) and John (AD6NR) were meeting with the Salvation Army in order to update our paperwork with them, which had listed Phil (WA6PH) as the club's contact.

Number in attendance: 13. These were, in alphabetic order: AA7GK, AD6NR, K6END, K6UN, KD6TLE, KE6LUT, KG6JZJ, KK6BAF, KM6VEY, NW6C, W6RT, W6WWY and WA6IQO.

Minutes

Welcoming a New Ham

We were joined by the recently licensed Bev (KM6VEY) who received her call sign on the same day as the club meeting. Congratulations and welcome, Bev!

Treasurer's Report

Terry (K6UN) reported no dues income and an expense of \$70.59 for the Silver Peak electrical bill. Per Terry, this brings the checking account to about \$2,940.

Old Business - BARC Raffle

Terry (K6UN) reported that the raffle made a profit of about \$50 after expenses, including \$825 for the prizes and \$28 for postage.

Old Business - Local Repeater Status

John (AD6NR) reported he and Jon (NW6C) went up the Silver Peak repeater site to look into the interference to our Mazourka Peak ↔ Silver Peak link. Based on their measurements, they have a high confidence that the source is external to our Silver Peak building (i.e., not in our building, nor at our Mazourka Peak site), perhaps a misbehaving switching power supply for another repeater. They plan to go up again with a directional antenna to have a better chance of identifying the precise source of the interference.

Once this problem is taken care of, the next project will be to service the Mammoth Mountain repeater, ideally before winter.

New Business - Tioga Pass Run

This year's Tioga Pass Run will take place on September 9th and we are looking for volunteer radio operators. At the meeting, Len (WA6IQO), Terry (K6UN), John (AD6NR), and Jon (NW6C) confirmed their participation. In addition, Len indicated Keith (W6KRF) will participate, and John did the same for Marilyn (W6MSO). Anyone else who is interested in volunteering should contact Paul (KK6BAF), who is coordinating this event for BARC.

Items from the Floor

Paul (KK6BAF) provided an update that only about 30 solar panels remain. They are rated at 325W, are \$195 apiece, and measure roughly 77" x 39". Contact him if interested.

Gordon (KD6TLE) proposed that we should do 50/50 raffles even when Rich (KF6YLW) is not in attendance. Otherwise, we are missing out on club revenue. There was general agreement, and a number of members indicated they have rolls of raffle tickets that they can bring to the next meeting.

Len (WA6IQO) asked if there is interest in putting up a 6M FM repeater on Mazourka Peak. It was determined that Mazourka is not suitable due to insufficient power (it is a solar-powered site). Silver is a possibility. Dennis (W6IY) has an old 6M repeater. Len took the action item to ask Dennis about it.

John (AD6NR) indicated that during storms rainwater seeps under the door of our Silver Peak repeater site. He asked for a volunteer to help fix this, perhaps by attaching a piece of flashing to the door that would cause the water to flow away from the threshold. Len (WA6IQO) graciously volunteered.

Len (WA6IQO) pointed out the following nets in our agenda need to be updated:

- The Thursday 3.947 MHz net formerly run by Adrian (N6ZA) is defunct
- The Saturday 144.210 MHz SSB net starts at 19:00, not 19:30
- The Sunday 3.950 MHz net has early check-ins starting around 07:00, and officially starts at 08:00.

Meeting adjourned at 20:02.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary

Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (BARC)