

BISHOP AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2013.

Participants for the December meeting were stating to gather at Salvation Army meeting place by 5:30. By then the meeting room had been arranged, including a counter area to set out the food for the Christmas “pot luck”. Hot water and coffee were ready. Mike (W6HDV) and Ed (N7SSP) had come in early to make the arrangements.

Treasurer's Report and Meeting Minutes were available in printed form at the entry table. Outgoing Treasurer Bob (N7RAP) remarked that the account had been hit by quite a few expenditures – SCE power about \$42, supplies for Xmas about \$32, donation to the Salvation Army \$125, Silver Peak permit fee of about \$114, Mammoth Forest Service fee of about \$47, and \$25 to Schats for maintaining our web page domain name. Walt (K6BDI) had helped by donating \$100 to the Club. We still survived the year with a balance of \$1,642.86 in the checking account.

Note: Dues are “due” the first of the year. Still \$20.

There was quite a turn out, including the Lone Pine contingent, and Fried and Sandy (WA6WZO&N) from Costa Mesa. They were headed to Mammoth to ski.

At about 6 pm, John (AD6NR) announced, “lets eat”. Several remarks were made about the really large amount of food on the counter. Then the opinions went to “wow, this is really good”. It seems some were not expecting much from a club with mostly male members. By 7, a lot of the food was gone.

John called the business meeting together at 7 pm. He completed the installation of officers for 2014, Jon (NW6C) as Secretary, Terry (K6UN) as Treasurer, Mike (W6HDV) as Vice President, and John (AD6NR) as President. Bob (N7RAP) was honored for his time as Treasurer and continuance as newsletter and web site administrator. Commendations were then given to Olin (WA7YXY) for his support of the Club, particularly since this would probably be his last meeting. Olin is retiring in January and is planning to relocate to Oregon. His work in involving the Club in emergency services was praised, then the announcement that Paul (KK6BAF) was going to continue work with EMCOM in Mono County, and Terry to work with Inyo County.

Olin gave a summary of the “hospital drill”, in which our radio operators were to pass messages between Southern Inyo, Northern Inyo, and Mammoth hospitals. When Olin suggested adding a contact to San Bernardino's Patten hospital, the hospital staff was quite impressed. BARC's part in the drill went very well, although lots of notes were taken on how our part could be further improved. Olin then praised the Club for encouraging his renewed interest in Amateur Radio and giving him the confidence to pass the Extra Class license test.

Club members gave acknowledgment to John (AD6NR) for his major time and energy commitment to the Club, particularly with his effort and many trips to the repeater sites in a continuing effort to improve their linking, operation, and reliability.

Some BARC members drove south to help the Sierra Amateur Radio Club (SARC) in supporting a marathon in their area. This was the first time they could provide communications to all of the aide stations .

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Jon, NW6C.