



February 13, 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	(NØAMS)	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by Vice President Jeff Tong (AA7GK) at 19:00. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army building in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 10. These were, in alphabetic order, AA7GK , AD6NR, K6JNX, K6UN, KA6HII, KD6TLE, KG6JZJ, NØAMS, NW6C, W6WWY.

Minutes

All present provided their first name and call sign.

Treasurer's Report

Terry (K6UN) provided the BARC financial report for the period January 10, 2018 through February 13, 2018. BARC had total expenses of \$60.73 and income of \$305.00. Our ending checking balance for this period is \$3,378.31.

Old Business - Raffle Update

Terry (K6UN) informed the club that the raffle tickets have been designed. He inquired regarding the quantity to be printed and whether the tickets should have serial numbers. It was agreed that a quantity of 1,000 tickets with serial numbers would be printed. A motion to spend \$310 on printing was approved.

Old Business - Linking Between the Inyo County (Silver, Mazourka) Repeaters and the Mono County (Antelope, Leviathan, Conway) Repeaters

John (AD6NR) reported that the relay connecting Silver Peak with Conway Summit via Mazourka Peak is installed, properly configured, and was successfully tested. The configuration and turn-on/turn-off instructions are included in the appendices to these minutes.

However, during the testing, a control box (which is required in order to turn the links on and off remotely) failed. Until this box is repaired and replaced, the link will remain off. Given the recent snowfall, replacement of the box depends on the road conditions leading to Mazourka Peak.

In addition, there was a request from the floor for a tutorial and/or demo of the turn-on/turn-off instructions. John (AD6NR) agreed to provide this at a future date, after all links are operational.

Old Business - Exploring Placing a Repeater Radio Facility above the Town of Cerro Gordo

Not discussed because neither Rich (KF6YLW) nor Keith (W6KRF) were present.

New Business - DMR Repeater

DMR is Digital Mobile Radio, one of 3 proprietary formats for digital repeaters. DMR is promoted by certain vendors (including Motorola and Kenwood), while each of the other 2 standards (Fusion and D-Star) has its own vendors.

John (AD6NR) received an offer from a Nevada operator to provide the club a DMR repeater at no cost, in exchange for space and power at the Silver Peak site. The advantages to the club include the ability to connect with the ARES Nevada Section (in whose region we belong) as well as the ARES Orange Section. We will also be able to experience the many features of this technology, including connecting via the internet to any other DMR repeater worldwide.

John (AD6NR) asked whether the club supports this. All responses were cautiously supportive. John (AD6NR) confirmed that the DMR repeater will not be allowed to operate if it causes any interference to existing services. This did not require a motion because the decision rests solely with the trustee, John (AD6NR).

Old Business - Fundraising Sale of Vintage Electronics in Storage with Jon (NW6C)

Jon sold some materials and generated \$40 for BARC. Jon (NW6C) and a number of other club members moved additional equipment to Jon's location after a request from the landlord of a Silent Key member.

Old Business - BARC Support for the Bishop Ultramarathon

Not discussed because Keith (W6KRF) was not present.

Old Business - 50/50 Raffle

Not discussed because Rich (KF6YLW) was not present.

New Business - Board of Directors Meeting

AD6NR pointed out again that there should have been a Board of Directors meeting in 2017, complete with agenda and minutes. This did not happen. AA7GK indicated the board will have a make-up meeting, and that it would be possible to hold back-to-back meetings, one each for 2017 and 2018.

New Business - Ham Licensing Exams

A licensing exam took place on February 3rd. There were new licensees as well as those seeking an upgrade to the Amateur Extra level. All passed, except for one of the upgrades.

However, ARRL informed John (AD6NR) that the FCC 605 forms submitted were outdated and need to be resubmitted. ARRL will reach out directly to each licensee to arrange this. The link to the latest form is: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/VEs/NCVEC%20Form%20605%202017%20Sept%20Interactive.pdf>

New Business - 2m SSB Net

Gordon (KD6TLE) reported that the Saturday night (19:30) 2m SSB net is growing nicely. The time and date may change in order to accommodate additional growth. This will be done in coordination with the Ridgecrest SSB group.

New Business - ARES

John (AD6NR) reported that there will be more formal system for joining and supporting the ARRL sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). The new system will involve a formal registration for ARES members, specific required training for ARES leadership and a database of members. This will be of significant help to existing ARES organizations, will enable easier interfacing with other emergency management organizations and promote ARES as a full partner in emergency response. The Eastern Sierra ARES organization is operationally assigned to the Nevada Section ARES by a memo of understanding (MOU) but is still part of the Orange Section ARES.

John encourages everyone to become involved in ARES by registering and getting trained.

Registration Form: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ARESRegistrationForm9-15.pdf>

Training Materials: <http://www.arrl-nevada.org/ares-training-materials.html>

Online Courses: <http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog>

Meeting adjourned at 19:58.

Noam Shendar (NØAMS)

Secretary

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