



February 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2020 are:

Paul Dostie	(KK6BAF)	- President
Bill Chezum	(W6WWY)	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	(W6RT)	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Paul Dostie (KK6BAF) at 19:03. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 9. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: AD6NR John, AE4TM Ed, K6SEC Steve, K6UN Terry, KK6BAF Paul, N6SIT Paul, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, and W6WWY Bill.

Minutes

Financial Report:

Terry (K6UN) reported that we brought in \$380 in membership dues (all dues were due in January), and that we had no expenses (because Edison's billing system is still not functioning). Our bank balance now stands at \$3,295.39.

Emergency Communications Drill:

Paul (KK6BAF) led a discussion around potential dates for an Owens Valley Emergency Communications drill. It was decided that the drill would take place on Sunday, March 22, at 08:00 Pacific Daylight Time.

BARC & SARC at the Park:

Keith (W7KRF), who was not present, relayed that this year's BARC and SARC at the Park should take place during the weekend prior to the Visalia DXcon. It was

therefore decided that the date would be Saturday, April 18. Keith will take care of reserving space at the Tuttle Creek campground for Friday, April 17.

Field Day 2020:

Paul (KK6BAF) organized a site visit for Sunday, February 16, at 09:00 Pacific Standard Time.

John (AD6NR) will provide a Yaesu FT-991A station that is FT8-capable. Digital modes are allowed, and count for double the points (much like CW operation).

Paul will provide a radio capable of 2m SSB operation at 100W. John will provide a high-gain beam. For this antenna, Paul and John will compare the towers that each one of them has in mind and pick one to bring to Field Day.

Bishop Ultra-marathon:

John (AD6NR) reported that Todd Vogel, the race organizer, has (as usual) asked for BARC's help in facilitating communications between aid stations and race HQ. By John's calculation, at least 19 people are needed, and at least 10 of them need to be ham operators. This assumes that the Eastern Sierra 4x4 Club will staff 2 of the aid stations. Paul (KK6BAF), Keith (W7KRF), Joy (AG6WM), Bill (W6WWY), and Steve (K6SEC) have all confirmed that they are available and can operate at the race.

John will put out a call for volunteers. We will need to make a go/no-go decision by the end of the month so as not to leave Todd in the lurch.

Club Website:

John (AD6NR) observed that we have a caching issue with our website that is causing out-of-date test dates to appear. Recently an aspiring ham contacted the club to ask about 2020 test dates. The website was updated with the 2020 dates prior to this inquiry, but the caching issue prevented this candidate from seeing the latest information (he instead saw the 2019 dates).

Noam (W6RT) explained that a "NoCache" HTML tag can be inserted into our website code to prevent caching. He said he will provide our webmaster, Bob (N7RAP), the information he needs in order to implement this remedy.

Show & Tell:

Paul (KK6BAF) brought a dual-fuel (propane and gasoline) 2200W-peak Honda generator. It can run for about 24 hours on a single 30-lb. propane tank.

Items from the Floor:

Jon (NW6C) mentioned he has 2 old club generator trailers. John (AD6NR) noted that at a previous meeting the club voted to authorize Jon to discard these as he sees fit.

Paul (KK6BAF) advised that this year's July 4th fireworks will take place at the Fairgrounds, as the Bishop airport is preparing for commercial operations.

Meeting adjourned at 20:01.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary

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