



February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2021 are:

Bill Chezum	W6WWY	- President
Jon Patzer	NW6C	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	K6UN	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	W6RT	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bill Chezum (W6WWY) at 19:00. Due to the need to observe social distancing, the meeting was held as a directed net over the club's linked 2m repeater system as well as a Zoom online conference.

Number in attendance: 12. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: AD6NR John, K6UN Terry, KE6IWM Mike, KN6IVW Dylan, N6BEV Bev, N6SIT Paul, N6TGE Don, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, W6WWY Bill, W7KRF Keith, and WA7YXY Olin.

Minutes

Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) reports we got lots of dues as well as fees from a test session. In addition, \$60 from a 2nd test session are not yet reflected in the total. \$650 came in and \$523.43 went out, leaving us with \$4799.73. The expenditures were \$90 for VEC (exams, net \$0), \$324 to John (AD6NR) for parts for our Silver and Mazourka repeater sites, and 2 months of Edison utility bills. Incidentally, we are the lowest power user on Silver, according to Edison.

Repeater System Status

John (AD6NR) reports not much has changed operationally. Looking to replace the link radios with digital links over microwave. Still working on it and progress is slow, because this is a new field for him (and a good learning experience!). This would also enable us to put a remote base on Mazourka for remote control.

Jon (NW6C) added that the Alabama Hills repeater (147.210) is malfunctioning and hanging (not dropping carrier and keying up all our linked repeaters). John (AD6NR) said that repeater's owner, Kurt (W6PH), is aware and had shut down the repeater - but apparently it is up and misbehaving again. John added that the only way to shut down that link is to shut down the Mazourka repeater (because it's an in-band repeater - works like a mobile talking to that repeater).

Items from the Floor

Noam (W6RT) presented "Pandemic Ham Radio Activities," a presentation originally given by Anthony Luscre (K8ZT). Here are links to this presentation:

- Recording of K8ZT original presentation: <https://vimeo.com/505788355>
- Slides only: tiny.cc/clubcovid

Olin (WA7YXY) mentioned that he is taking online CW class on Zoom. Noam (W6RT) added there is a QST article (January 2021, p. 30) on a computerized key that teaches CW.

Jon (NW6C) said that we have a 220 MHz repeater (one of the new-activity suggestions in the K8ZT presentation). It's a closed SoCal Edison system but well-behaved guests are welcome. There's a weekly net on Thursdays at 20:00. All ideas for new activities and presentations are welcome! Come one, come all!

Items from the Floor

Bill (W6WWY) provided a test update: a new tech from the 4WD club, a double-upgrade from Tech to Extra, and Dylan (KN6IVW) upgraded to General.

Don (N6TGE) is coming to Big Pine Canyon April-October as Upper Sage campground host. He successfully tested repeater access from there. Welcome!

Bev (N6BEV) is moving to North Carolina and this will be her last meeting from Bishop. Wishing you a safe trip!

John (AD6NR) said we can add EchoLink to our Silver site and that would enable Bev to access our repeaters from anywhere.

Meeting adjourned at 19:57.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary, Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (BARC)