



## January 12, 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: 13. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: K6TLH Tom, K6UN Terry, KD6TLE Gordon, KE6IWM Mike, KF6RRR Hal, KG6JZJ Dave, N6BEV Bev, N6SIT Paul, N6TGE Don, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, W6WWY Bill, and WA7YXY Olin.

## Minutes

### Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) did not join until late in the meeting as he was tied up with an activity related to his Volunteer Fire Department work.

### Repeater System Status

John (AD6NR) related that everything is stable and functional, both the radio equipment and the cameras. He is considering putting up a better camera at one of the sites. He is not planning to touch the microwave system until after snow season.

Bill commented that the new Mazourka camera looking up the valley is neat.

John added that he's planning to add the new camera to Mazourka such that it points south (toward Lone Pine).

## Items from the Floor

Jon (NW6C) reports Keith (W7KRF) is in town, and also making good progress on his property in Nevada.

Bill (W6WWY) added that Jim (N7IU) also passed through on his way to the Central Valley. Asked to say hello.

Don (N6TGE) asked regarding his ARRL membership - need to know if ARRL received funds. Terry (K6UN) confirmed that he has likely not yet sent the packet, and will follow up.

Bill (W6WWY) mentioned that he participated in a ham exam session in Fish Lake Valley. One Technician class candidate passed.

Bill also asked when the next test is. Answer: it is scheduled for 2/6 (the first Saturday in February.)

Jon (NW6C) told us he helped a 4x4 club member get his radio to work with our repeaters.

Jon also reported that he had visited Len (WA6IQO) and he is doing well.

Gordon (KD6TLE) asked about Dennis (W6IY). No one had an update newer than our last update.

Bill (W6WWY) reminded us of the weekly 2-meter SSB net. It takes place Saturdays at 19:00 local on 144.210 MHz. Horizontal polarization is strongly recommended.

Jon (NW6C) attended the Ridgecrest club (SARC) meeting and it was mentioned there that they are not getting our meeting notices. Noam will follow up with Mike (WA6ARA).

John (AD6NR) did a Show & Tell - a kit from Amazon for about \$20 that has the insertion and extraction tools for pretty much any connector type ever conceived. Very cool!

Hal (KF6RRR) said he was trying to get to Walnut Creek on HF on 20- and 40-meter bands. Jon (NW6C) said the bands have been long recently, skipping nearby areas. John (AD6NR) recommends a low wire antenna, no more than 25 feet up (i.e., an NVIS configuration). The best times are 6-8pm.

Bill (W6WWY) ask what we should do about Field Day this year. Will it even take place? He will check with the ARRL. We may want to reserve a campground (once the Inyo National Forest opens up reservations).

Meeting adjourned at 19:41.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

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