

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes July 13th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:004PM by BARC President Adrian van der Riet (N6VDR)

Introductions around the room (13 members + 1 visitor) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$1,853.32; Savings Account \$1,011,36. See Website for details.

Last Month's meeting notes were posted on the web site: Adrian made the motion to accept the minutes, second by John (AD6NR), unanimously accepted by voice vote.

Upcoming activities in the next month:

T hunt: Cancelled because of limited participants. T-hunt will resume in August .

August UHF contest: August 6-7th. Details on the ARRL website <http://www.arrl.org/august-uhf>

Old Business

- 1) Batteries for Silver Pk Facility: Load test conducted. Preliminary results show batteries to be in adequate condition. Dennis (W6IY) will provide formal report and analysis at the August meeting.
- 2) Linking of Silver and Mammoth: Measurement of Mammoth repeater signal strength on Silver shows ~300 uv. This is a more than an adequate signal to support an in-band link/repeater. Report from Dennis (W6IY) at next meeting.
- 3) Mounting new antenna: Two sections of the new antenna support structure are in place. The new antenna is temporarily mounted to the western section at about 14' above the ground. The Kenwood repeater is in service and connected to the new antenna. Significant work remains to be done to complete the support structure and move the new antenna to its final location.
- 4) Field Day report: N6OV participated in FD2011 as a 2E station (two transmitters using emergency power from a normal station location). Seven BARC members participated and a good time was had by all. Improvements are planned for next year (as it should always be!). Adrian will submit the score to the ARRL later this month and report out at the next meeting on the final score.
- 5) Silver Peak Inventory: Based on the minimal level of response so far Adrian made a motion: send out an e-mail based on the original e-mail requesting that an "inventory be submitted not later than 28 July 2011. Equipment not on the building inventory will be subject to review and potential removal from building." Second by Earl (KI6AKI). Unanimously passed by voice vote.
- 6) Name Tags: Keith will be donating the name tags! (Thanks Keith). A background for the tags was selected from four options (Mt Whitney) after discussion and a vote by hands. Name tags will likely be available at the next meeting.

New Business

Next work party on Silver Pk. Is Saturday July 23 dependent on availability of materials.

Based a point of order raised by Membership Chairman Bob Payne the membership status and voting privileges of Mike Franz (KA6HII) were discussed. Mike has not paid the 2011 dues. Recollection of some members present indicate that at one point in time Mike was awarded a life membership in BARC. However, that life membership was contingent on continuing his efforts in fundraising and other specific activities contributing to BARC. Because of failure to perform those duties Mike's life membership was rescinded at some time in the past by a motion and approval by the membership present. No records (meeting minutes) are available for either the original award of life membership, the requirements associated with that award or the withdrawal of the award. However, several members present substantiated the substance of all three actions. It was concluded that Mike is not a current member of BARC and does not have voting privileges.

Show and Tell

Kurt (W6PH) described his recent trip to Slovenia. He visited ham friends and their contest VHF/UHF contest facility located at ~5000' elevation. The facility had full KW's on all band for SSB and CW with power from batteries, solar and generators. It was complete with large antenna arrays for all bands. There was a 3 meter dish for 1.2 GHz. Their best distance on 1.2 GHz was 900km. In a recent contest they worked 500 stations on VHF, 205 on UHF and 105 on 1.2.

Kurt was show great hospitality and given S56PH as a guest call.

Technical Questions

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

John Shepherd (AD6NR)

BARC Secretary

Revised 8/12/2011 – Changed "July" to August for next T-Hunt.

Bishop Amateur Radio Club - Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: JULY 13 2011

Name	Call Sign	e-Mail	BARC Member (Y/N)
Michael Fitzsimmons	W6HPV		YES
Ed Fitzsimmons	KJFKAM		YES
BOB PAYNE	N7RAP		YES
EARL GANN	K0GAK		YES
BOB MOSS	W0WOW		Y
SALE SITARKEY	K16CVP		Y
Michael Franz	KABHI		Y
Everett M. Storey	K16IZM		Yes
KEITH FRANCO	KJSTXN		JOE
Richard J. Ryanc	K7EYLU		Y
Gigi Vander Riet	N6GIG		Y
ADRIAN V.D. RIET	N6VDR		Y
John Shepherd	AD6NR		Y
Kurt Pauer	W6PH		Y

