

BISHOP AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES for July 12, 2016.

Boxes of very miscellaneous radio items were at the front table, apparently from Salvation Army storage. Instructions were to take it or it will go to the dump. It looked like most of it found new homes by the end of the meeting.

Meeting called to order by John (AD6NR) at about 7 pm.

Attendance: Total of 10 participants. Phil had changed his call from K0RVD to WA6PH.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Terry (K6UN).

Minutes: Approved as posted.

Nets: HF nets doing alright. A relatively new 2m SSB net is looking for more participants. This is Saturday at 7pm on 144.2 MHz.

2016 Field Day: John announced the figures from the report form. 418 contacts, all phone. 830 points from contacts, plus 450 bonus points. No points were added for the GOTA (Get On The Air) station. This was BARC's first Field Day at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. This site offered convenient facilities and in most emergencies would be a major staging area. Some of the antenna set ups were not optimal for field day scoring. ED (K6END) was disappointed to find that there had been no visits from any of the community groups that he had sent invitations to.

This led to a lengthy discussion about Amateur Radio, local and global, past, present, and future. Communications methods today are rapidly changing. Not only voice, but video via the internet to most of the world has been available for years. Club members will endeavor to provide information to anyone wanting to know more about the uses of Amateur Radio.

June Lake Triathlon: John, Len (WA6IQO), and Rich (KF6YLV) provided communications to areas where cell phones wouldn't work. There were several bicycle crashes, but all went well with communications.

Mazourka Peak: Our facility received a good review from the officials. Thanks to all of the members that helped get the site ready for inspection. About the only deficiency note was that secondary containment for the storage batteries was needed.

The Forest Service is still working on a formal site permit with BARC as the permittee.

The roof leaks. Repair of the roof along with relocating the ground mounted solar panels the the roof has been investigated. It looks like materials for this work will be \$700 to \$800, then a couple days of labor.

Silver Peak: Replacement and expansion of the State facility seems to be stalled, and there has been a change in the personnel assigned. Terry will continue to track this project.

Motorola CDM 500R Repeater: One of these has been offered to BARC for free. This should be usable on Amateur 440 MHz. The donor has asked to formally present it to the Club at our next meeting. Looks like a good idea.

BARC was given, by the Calvary church, several sets of tuned cavities that were intended for commercial FM broadcast use, with the stipulation that if they were sold, half of the proceeds would be

donated to the church. Maybe this would be a way to raise money for the roof repair. Jeff (AA7GK) was experienced with electronics sales on eBay, and volunteered to see about selling the cavities.

John was presented with a plaque for first place in the recent ARRL DX contest. Congratulations.

Ed bought flowers on behalf of the Club for the funeral of long time Club member Ann Clark (N6FTO). It was moved, seconded, and passed to reimburse Ed for the cost of the flowers.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 8:27 pm.

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