



## **July 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club**

BARC's officers for 2017 are:

Paul Dostie	(KK6BAF)	– President
Jeff Tong	(AA7GK)	– Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	– Treasurer
Gordon Baldwin	(KD6TLE)	– Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Paul at about 7 PM. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 10

Those present provided name, call sign.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from prior meeting were electronically distributed to members following the last club meeting.

### **Treasurers Report**

Terry (K6UN) provided a copy of the BARC Financial Report for June 14, 2017 through July 11, 2017. Expenses for this period were \$2,534.24. Club income was \$1777.00. Ending balance in the checking account is \$944.28. Terry commented that \$1500 of BARC income during this period was in the form of short term loans from several members to help BARC cover the USDA fees assessed on the club for Silver Peak and for Mazourka Peak. Mark (W6WWA) has volunteered to send out a large number of letters to HAMS in the Owens valley to ask their help in recovering the USDA fees so that BARC can repay the members who made the short term loans.

### **Old Business – Raffle Update**

BARC continues to plan for a fundraising raffle, as the extra money is badly needed. Terry (K6UN)'s research confirmed that BARC can lawfully hold raffles. Various steps must be followed to do this. There is a \$20 fee to CA State first, followed by a letter back from the state indicating that it is OK for BARC to proceed. There is a sheet of guidelines to follow. According to Terry, this information can be reviewed in detail on the website of the CA State Attorney General.

### **Old Business – Fundraising Sale of Vintage Electronics in Storage with Jon (NW6C)**

Jon (NW6C) is working on this and others have volunteered to help with photographing and inventorying the gear. So far, Jon has received questions about purchasing one of the

antique items, a Greeb Synchro Master, circa 1924. However, nothing has been purchased yet.

Part of this old equipment treasure trove consists of some high-end commercial equipment. It is hoped that sale of this gear will generate some income for the club. An EBay account can easily be established for BARC and Terry will handle this. Selling the 5000 W commercial filters would be very helpful.

#### **Old Business – Owens Valley EMCOM Simplex Frequency**

Paul (KK6BAF) recommended that club members program the BARC simplex Emergency Communication frequency into their radios. The frequency is 146.460. John (AD6NR) took a moment to review with the group the emergency communications hierarchy agreed upon. He went on to say that he was going to share these practices with members of the Bishop 4 WD club at their next meeting. A copy of these procedures is included with the distribution of these minutes.

#### **Old Business – Forest Service Permit Clarification**

John (AD6NR) noted that the Cost Recovery Fee recently paid by BARC to the NFS was to cover administrative costs and a small amount of field work and report generation by various “ologists” on the staff of NFS.

#### **Old Business – Mazourka Repeater Site Maintenance**

By the end of July, Paul (KK6BAF) hopes to get up to Mazourka to install the final solar panels. These should be more than adequate to meet the powering needs of radio site year round.

John (AD6NR) observed that Mazourka needs about \$3600 for vital updates to the site. This includes new, more efficient antennas and coax. Existing antennas are old and becoming less efficient and the coax is marginal. John and Terry (K6UN) briefly talked about the benefits of a “bow tie” antenna configuration vs. the Station Master now in service.

#### **Old Business – Mazourka Repeater Site Maintenance – Linking**

John (AD6NR) observed that Mazourka and Silver Peak sites should have the same signal levels coming in as leaving the repeater. This is not easily obtained, however and it has been challenging to configure Silver and Mazourka to have unity of signal in and signal out for each repeater. The primary difficulty was with the Mazourka machine but John and team were successful in getting levels balanced. Both repeaters are sounding great at this time.

#### **New Business – Repeater Linking**

John (AD6NR) contacted the Mammoth Mountain repeater administrator Bill Greene (KF6LUC) to explore if BARC and link with the repeater in the Mammoth site. Paul (KK6BAF) suggested talking with Sam Blum, radio tech for Mammoth Mountain to get his input on this matter.

**New Business – Items from the Floor – Suggestions by Ed Carlson**

1. Ed (K6END) observed that there are about 200 licensed HAM operators in the Owens Valley. Names and addresses are available off of the FCC website. Contact each of these folks to request a donation from them for repeater upgrades and to offset cost of the NFS cost recovery fee.
2. Ed noted that the south-facing portion of the former Duncan's auto repair shop at corner of Mazourka and Hwy. 395 would be a great place to affix a sign advertising the BARC repeater frequencies for HAMs new to the area and driving north along Hwy. 395. Gordon (KD6TLE) owns this location and is considering the suggestion.

**New Business – EM Com practices on the website**

It was suggested that we be sure to put the BARC EM Com practices into club minutes posted on the website.

**New Business – Items from the Floor – Lighthouses on the air**

Keith (W6KRF) wants to activate the Lighthouse at the north end of Emerald Bay at Lake Tahoe. This is scheduled for August 19-20, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at about 8:20 PM.

Gordon Baldwin (KD6TLE)  
Secretary  
Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc.