



July 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2020 are:

Vacant		- President
Bill Chezum	(W6WWY)	- 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, K6TLH Tom, K6UN Terry, KE6IWM Mike, KG6JZJ Dave, KK6JTB Steven, KN6IVW Dylan, N6BEV Bev, N6SIT Paul, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, and W6WWY Bill.

Minutes

Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) reported that no funds came into or out of our account. He will pay a \$53 power bill after the meeting. Our bank balance still stands at \$3,186.91.

Field Day 2020

Noam (W6RT) transcribed the handwritten logs to a Cabrillo file and reported the following stats for the K7D Field Day site:

- 101 total contacts
- 26 sections in the US and Canada
- 16 US states
- 3 Canadian provinces
- 7 California sections (out of 9)

Jon (NW6C) reported that Jim (N7IU) was a fine host. The location was great. We had more antennas than operators! We could have used more tables.

Silver Peak Repeater Status and Building Rehab

John (AD6NR) reported that Jon (NW6C) is working on painting the building.

In addition, Jon went to Mazourka the other day and identified that the "crackling" noise on Mazourka was coming from one of our antennas. When Jon shook it, crackling took place; when he stopped, the crackling did, too. More investigation is needed to determine if it's a bad antenna, feedline, connector or something else.

Silver-to-Mazourka Microwave Link

John (AD6NR) also provided an update that the Silver-to-Mazourka microwave project was going well. The hardware is in hand. We need to install the dishes at either end (one of which on a pole to ensure a sightline) and get them linked up. This requires people to be at both repeater sites simultaneously.

In a parallel project, John is working with Eric (KM6OIA - the Mono County radio technician), Jeff (AA7GK), Bill (WA6QZY) and Noam (W6RT) on an internet connection between Conway and Silver that will enable a solid, reliable connection between the Mono County system and BARC repeater system. John will provide an update on this next time.

Ham Exam

Terry (K6UN) noted that he still has not received the updated Amateur Extra class materials from ARRL-VEC, meaning we can only administer Technician and General class exams. Jon (NW6C) pointed out that we have at least one candidate going for General. *[Ed. Note: by now he has received them.]*

Having enough VEs won't be a problem. The following VEs have volunteered: Bill (W6WWY), Tom (K6TLH), Dave (KG6JZH), John (AD6NR), Paul (N6SIT), and Terry (K6UN). **It was agreed to keep the 8/1 date for the next exam.**

Dylan (KN6IVW) asked if we should use Millpond as a test site. A roundtable discussion revealed that the Bishop City Park is preferred, due to its general location. It was agreed that for a 12 Noon exam, the VEs should show up at 11am to "grab" tables and shade structures near the Senior Center.

Items from the Floor

John (AD6NR) alerted us that Carl Gardenias (WU6D), our section manager, will be in Bishop on 7/21. He has some books to donate to the club library and would love to meet with local hams, in a safe manner (e.g., outdoors). *[Ed. Note: the event with Carl did take place on the 21st in Bishop City Park.]*

John (AD6NR) has a webcam he is not using. Anyone wishing to use Zoom or similar online meeting services and does not have a working camera is welcome to have this camera. First come, first serve.

Meeting adjourned at 19:29.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary

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