



June 9, 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 18:59. 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: 10. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: AD6NR John, K6UN Terry, KE6IWM Mike, KG6JZJ Dave, N6BEV Bev, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, W6WWY Bill, W7KRF Keith and WA7YXY Olin.

Minutes

Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) reported that Edison charged us \$48.85, and we received no income. Our bank balance now stands at \$3,186.91.

Field Day 2020

Jon (NW6C) said he has the club antennas and coax, and will bring them to the event. He also asked what we plan to do about logging. Noam (W6RT) said he will be unable to join the Field Day event but that if there is no volunteer to set up computerized logging at the Field Day site he's willing to process paper logs (like last year). He will supply Bev (N6BEV) with blank log sheets.

Bill (W6WWY) said Jim (N7IU - who is hosting the event) has towers. They will require setup (need people to show up in advance to help erect them).

Terry (K6UN) agrees that we should start the setup on Friday. However, he cautioned us not to count on using the club's A3 tri-band antenna. It is damaged and he's not sure he can fix it in time.

Bill (W6WWY) asked who will bring rigs (transceivers). Jon (NW6C) said he can bring one old rig and a tuner. Terry (K6UN) said he has a Kenwood we can use.

Ham Exam

Bill (W6WWY) suggested we use the fact that we will have VEs at the Field Day event to hold ham exams as needed. He proposed the VEs make themselves available 11am-5pm on the Saturday of Field Day and 8-11am the next day. The VEs at the event will be, at minimum, Bill (W6WWY), Jon (NW6C) and Bev (N6BEV - can administer Technician class exams only). Jim (N7IU) is likely. Noam (W6RT) will check with Tom (K6TLH) who expressed interested in helping.

Keith (W7KRF) asked if there's an address for the exam location he can post on the club's Facebook page. Will (W6WWY) said he will provide this after speaking with our host Jim (N7IU).

Bev (N6BEV) suggested we share Bill's (W6WWY) cellphone number in case anyone gets lost.

Jon (NW6C) volunteered to bring the exam materials to Field Day. Terry (K6UN) will bring them over to Jon.

N6OV Trustee

John (AD6NR) reported the sad news that our club call (N6OV) sign trustee, Mike Fitzsimmons (W6HDV/SK), has passed away. As a result, we need to appoint a new trustee. There are no duties associated with the trusteeship, and the only requirement is an amateur radio license. Bill (W6WWY) volunteered, and his appointment was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Show & Tell

Keith (W7KRF) showed a Coors (yes, the brewery) electrical insulator catalog from the 1960s. Directions included flying to the now defunct Stapleton airport.

Items from the Floor

John (AD6NR) brought up the need to rehab our Silver Peak repeater building, and in particular paint the outside and repair the roof. We only have a 6-8 week window of appropriate temperatures to accomplish this. Looking for volunteers.

John also mentioned that we should replace our aging repeater controller, given that there is no longer support for it. He is researching alternatives and will bring forth a recommendation at a future club meeting.

John further described progress with establishing a microwave link between our repeater sites on Silver Peak and Mazourka Peak. With help from club members, the radios are installed at both Silver Peak and Mazourka Peak. The antennas, however, are yet to be installed and pointed. Volunteers needed here, too.

Jon (NW6C) and Bill (W6WWY) volunteered to help with both the rehab and microwave projects.

Meeting adjourned at 19:23.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary

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