

## **March 14, 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 7 PM. Meeting this evening was at the Masonic Lodge in Bishop. The normal venue (Salvation Army) was unavailable due to remodeling. Thanks to Terry (K6UN) for arraigining an alternative meeting location.

Number in attendance: 15

### **Treasurers Report.**

Terry (K6UN) provided a copy of the BARC Financial Report for January 10, 2017 – March 14, 2017. Expenses for the period are \$193.47 and income was \$300. Ending balance in the checking account is \$1493.53

### **Old Business – Field Day follow up**

Rich (KF6YLW) was ill and not in attendance at the meeting. He had been tasked with reporting results of his research on two questions:

1. Is Kurt's (W6PH) cabin along Lone Pine Creek available for Field Day this year?
2. Are his portable antenna towers available for the club to use during Field Day?

### **Old Business – Raffle update**

BARC is planning a fundraising raffle, with the winner's name to be selected during Mule Days May 23-28, 2017. Terry (K6UN) was unable to connect with Ed (K6END) to begin planning steps. Therefore there is no update at this time.

### **Old Business – Fundraising sale of antique electronics in storage with Jon (NW6C)**

John (AD6NR) reported that he sold a 1920's era crystal radio set to a museum in Wilmington, CA for \$200. Jon (NW6C) noted that there are also some top quality, although older, pieces of equipment that may command a higher price.

### **New Business – 50/50**

Paul (KK6BAF) commented that this evening's 50/50 drawing would not take place. It was replaced by a raffle. The prize was a wire antenna. Bill (KK6HTM) held the lucky ticket and went home with a nice HF antenna.

### **New Business – BARC & SARC in the PARK**

As reported by Keith (W6KRF), this year's event will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 4 PM in the park adjacent to the Carl's Junior eatery at the north end of Lone Pine. Following this event, Keith indicated that those interested are invited to adjourn to Diaz Lake at the south end of Lone Pine for grilled beast which will have been hunted, skinned, parched and parceled by those of BARC with culinary tendencies.

### **New Business – 2017 Wild Wild West Marathon**

Keith (W6KRF) and Linda Duarte of the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce noted that the run is a long-standing tradition in the Eastern Sierra. This year, it happens on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber is requesting help from BARC. Unfortunately, HAMS from Ridgecrest are assisting with an event in their area happening on the same day, so are not likely to be able to join with BARC to supply communications for the Marathon.

This year the Wild Wild West Marathon has a number of challenges for participants. There is the new 50M, a 50K, a marathon and a ten mile run. Sounds like there is something for every runner. More to come.

### **New Business – Cactus meeting**

John (AD6NR) described the Cactus meeting that he attended with Paul (KK6BAF) as a “lot of technical stuff”. For example, one presentation included 50 slides of radio equipment racks. Paul provided attendees with a change of pace by presenting his experience in Tarawa with his highly skilled body recovery dog, Buster.

A description was provided about a program to help underserved kids get HAM tickets. This is happening in a poor county in Arizona presently. Once they get their license, they are given a free radio. Plans are to follow up with those kids and help them use the radios in school science projects, as this will reinforce HAM proficiencies and understanding.

John (AD6NR) was the lucky winner of the main door prize at the Cactus meeting, winning a 1KW dummy load. The value of this prize is about a dollar a watt, so he was very lucky indeed!

### **New Business – Presentation by John (AD6NR)**

John (AD6NR) provided club attendees with an overview of the CTCSS (Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System) used with area repeaters. A copy of his presentation is being made available to BARC membership.

### **New Business – Items from the floor**

1. John (AD6NR) and Jeff (AA6GK) have committed to give a technical presentation at the next BARC meeting.
2. John (AD6NR) and Paul (KK6BAF) have been invited to do a presentation for the Mammoth Lakes CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

### **New Business – Correction to time and frequency of 2M SSB net**

The 2M USB SSB net meets Saturdays @ 1900 Hrs on 144.210. For best communication, use horizontal antenna polarity if possible.

Meeting Adjourned at about 8 PM.

Gordon Baldwin KD6TLE  
Secretary  
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