



## March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2020 are:

Paul Dostie	(KK6BAF)	- President
Bill Chezum	(W6WWY)	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	(W6RT)	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Paul Dostie (KK6BAF) at 18:59. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 12. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: AD6NR John, K6HK Jim, K6UN Terry, KG6JZJ Dave, KC3DNF Nicholas, KK6BAF Paul, KN6DUC Barry, N6BEV Bev, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, W6SRV Wayne, and W6WWY Bill.

### Minutes

#### Financial Report:

Terry (K6UN) reported that Edison charged us \$159.06 for December through February usage. Based on this, we are not going to be charged for unbilled usage in August through November.

There was no income, and our bank balance now stands at \$3,136.33.

#### Emergency Communications Drill:

Paul (KK6BAF) informed us that the drill had to be rescheduled and will now take place on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 08:00 Pacific Daylight Time. He and John (AD6NR) are working out the full details.

Jon (NW6C) noted that there will be CalOES emergency exercise May 11-15 and that no further details are currently available.

### **BARC & SARC at the Park:**

Noam (W6RT) reported that he has been in communications with Keith (W6KRF) and that due to a SARC scheduling conflict, the BARC & SARC at the Park date has moved to Saturday, April 11. Camping will take place at Tuttle Creek Campground the previous night, Friday, April 10.

### **Field Day 2020:**

Paul (KK6BAF) shared that a number of club members went up to visit the site on February 16. The site is very nice, with good exposure to the east. There should also be good contacts in the direction of both LA and Sacramento. There is plenty of car parking (more so than last year's site) but a bit less space for trailers. In addition, the shelter is smaller, which means we may want to set up stations at different locations within the campsite (not having the operators sit right next to each other would make operating easier).

### **Bishop Ultra-marathon:**

John (AD6NR) put together and handed out copies of the duty roster for this event. He secured participation from people who can do packet communication; they will staff 2 of the aid stations. We are sufficiently staffed, with a bit of reserve (but could use more people). **If you're volunteering, please ask John for the roster. Each volunteer needs to coordinate with their aid station's captain** (the list of captains has not yet been released).

### **50/50 Raffle:**

We held the 50/50 raffle for the first time since Rich's (KF6YLW, SK) passing. Tickets worth \$40 were purchased, which means the club netted \$20.

### **Show & Tell:**

Bill demonstrated a \$46 Surecom power meter and frequency detector. It is very simple to use and a nice value for the price.

Noam (W6RT) showed 2 lower-cost HTs from Yaesu, the FT-65R and FT-4XR. Both are dual-band, 5W radios and cost \$70-80 only. Their innards bear similarity to the Baofengs but the Yaesus are fully compliant and much sturdier.

Barry (KN6DUC) and Nicholas (KC3DNF) brought a Hustler 4BTV 4-band HF antenna that they were given. They were wondering if they could use it to raise a weather station to 20 feet or so above the ground (the station would transmit digital weather data on the amateur 70cm/440MHz band). The consensus in the room was that this would present an unacceptable wind load to the 4BTV and it would likely fail. A number of attendees provided alternative suggestions to hoisting a weather station.

**Items from the Floor:**

Paul (KK6BAF) reported that there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases (yet) in either Inyo or Mono counties. Mammoth Hospital has set up a surge tent so that suspected cases would be admitted there and would not go inside the hospital building.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)  
Secretary  
Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (BARC)