



May 9, 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 on their new floor, under a freshly installed ceiling.

Number in attendance: 11

Treasurers Report.

Terry (K6UN) provided a copy of the BARC Financial Report for April 12, 2017 – May 9, 2017. There were no expenses for this period. Club income was \$135, all from dues. Ending balance in the checking account is \$1802.06

Old Business – Field Day

Field Day is the 4th weekend in June, the 24th and 25th.

- Question to the group: who will be participating this year?
- Bob Moss (W7WOW) was scouting for a location near Fish Lake Valley on May 9th.
- Keith (W6KRF) and Joy (AG6WM) are headed for Diaz Lake for Field Day and Keith indicated that he will have room for more operators.

Old Business – Raffle Update

BARC continues to plan for a fundraising raffle. Terry (K6UN) still has this on his to-do list. He advised the group that he will be recovering from surgery soon so should have plenty of time to work on this project. Ideally, the proposed plan was to have the winner selected during Mule Days May 23-28, 2017.

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

It is important that time be set aside for volunteers to inventory the radio gear to be sold. Mark (W6WWA) recommends that the buyer arrange shipping. Perhaps a Paypal account would be helpful?

Paul read a list of items that Mark was donating to the club. Some good old analog power supplies, Viking IV Nye antenna tuner (1.8-30 MHz), 3KW. Good stuff!

Old Business – Forest Service Permit for Repeater Sites is Still Hanging Over Our Head. Cost for this recovery fee totals about \$2300 for our two combined sites. We have asked for the exemption as a “public service” agency. John (AD6NR) gave some details about working with the Forest Service.

Old Business – 50/50

The 50/50 drawing was held at 7:40. Randy (K6RND) was the big winner of one-half of \$31.

Old Business – BARC & SARC in the PARK

There was a good turnout from Bishop, Ridgecrest, and Nevada. The food was great and was provided by members of SARC.

Old Business – Mazourka Repeater Site Maintenance

Needed work includes solar panels and container footing. Olin (WA7YXY) offered advice and BARC may get some help from the Eastern Sierra 4X4 Club. Focus should be on getting rid of old, broken antennas on the ragged pole. Need to figure out how to get a personnel hoist up on the peak to allow work on the poles, which are too degraded to climb. Snow should melt off soon.

The Mazourka project still needs two chairmen. John (AD6NR) will be the chairman in charge radio and link upgrades. Paul (KK6BAF) will be in charge of the solar panel and battery upgrade.

We still need chairmen for the building stabilization and one for the old antenna takedown and site clean up.

New Business – June Lake Triathlon

This takes place Saturday July 8th and needs volunteers. Those who may be able to help are: Paul (KK6BAF), who is coordinating, Rich (KF6YLW), John (AD6NR), and perhaps Len (WA6IQO).

New Business – Presentation by Walt (K6BDI)

Walt shared a program on APRS (Amateur Packet Reporting System). GPS information is interfaced to an Amateur radio, transmitting the position information into the APRS network. UIV32APRS.FI in another site that looks at the APRS information. Google Earth can be brought up as a background in addition to normal maps. Isha is Walt's boat and Walt-9 is his car.

New Business – Donation to Salvation Army

John (AD6NR) made a motion to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army from the BARC organization. The motion was passed.

Meeting Adjourned at about 8:20 PM.

Notes this evening courtesy of Jon Patzer (NW6C)
Standing in for Gordon Baldwin (KD6TLE)
Secretary
Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc.