



May 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2018 are:

Paul Dostie	(KK6BAF)	- President
Jeff Tong	(AA7GK)	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	(W6RT)	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Paul Dostie (KK6BAF) at 18:57. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army building in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 11. These were, in alphabetic order: AD6NR, K6BDI, K6UN, KA6HII, KD6TLE, KG6JZJ, KK6BAF, NW6C, W6KRF, W6RT and W6WWY.

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Terry (K6UN) reported that the club spent \$103.21 (more than half of it on power for the Silver repeater station) and brought in \$45 (these are testing fees that will be passed through to ARRL). The ending balance was \$3,126.78.

Terry (K6UN) also noted that we have not paid the monthly \$25 room fee to the Salvation Army since July, 2017. He made a motion to immediately pay \$300 for a full year (through July, 2018), which was approved.

Old Business - Raffle

Paul (KK6BAF) will check with Vons on table reservations during Mule Days. There will be 2 shifts (10am-4pm and 4pm-10pm). We need volunteers to begin signing up for shifts during Mule Days (May 22-27). Please contact Paul (KK6BAF).

Old Business - BARC Support for the Bishop Ultramarathon

Keith (W6KRF) reported that preparations are 90% complete. He is now recruiting the last few volunteers. We still need a few non-hams to assist at certain busy stations.

Old Business - ARRL Field Day

Paul (KK6BAF) reported that the US Forest Service is unlikely to approve us to use Minaret Vista for Field Day. Discussed alternatives, such as the group camps at Cedar Flat (near Westgard Pass on CA-168). The preference is for a high elevation (for cooler temperatures) and a reasonable driving distance from the north and south ends of the Owens Valley. Keith (W6KRF) volunteered to be the event chair and will secure a location. He also polled the room regarding the level of interest, and there were many in the room who committed to participate. Paul (KK6BAF) will cook and bring a wire antenna with a collapsible mast. Keith (W6KRF) will bring his "Shackteau." Per the Field Day rules, setup can begin as many as 24 hours prior to start, but actual setup time cannot exceed 8 hours. We are considering a 2A entry (2-transmitter class A, i.e., 3 or more operators with no generator).

Old Business - 50/50 Raffle

Not performed because Rich (KF6YLW) was not present.

New Business - 6m Presentation

Not discussed because Kurt (W6PH) was not present.

New Business - BARC Support for the June Lake Triathlon

The June Lake Triathlon will take place on July 7 at June Lake. Paul (KK6BAF) is looking for 1-2 additional volunteers. Keith (W6KRF) and John (AD6NR) volunteered. Anyone else who is interested please contact Paul (KK6BAF).

New Business - Lessons Learned from the Wild West Marathon

Keith (W6KRF) observed that having the race director, a licensed ham, use amateur radio during a race is "pushing the envelope" on allowed amateur use.

New Business - Lessons Learned from the Wild West Marathon (con't)

A discussion ensued around a hypothetical scenario in which the race director of the Bishop Ultramarathon was a licensed ham (in reality he is not). Given that the Bishop Ultramarathon is nonprofit and benefits local Search and Rescue, and given that radio use would be exclusively for the runners' safety, it seems this hypothetical would represent legitimate use of amateur radio frequencies.

Items from the Floor

Discussed the new digital mode FT8, which allows for successful DX contacts even during poor band conditions and no audible signals. Dave (KG6JZJ) agreed to do a presentation about FT8 at an upcoming meeting. Noam (W6RT) volunteered to help Dave.

Gordon (KD6TLE) reported that John (K6MWK) was able to reach Carlsbad using 2m SSB. That is more than 230 miles as the crow flies!

Jon (NW6C) noted the sad news that Sandi (WA6WZN) is SK. He also pointed out that Walt's (NM6L) status in the club roster should be updated to SK.

Walt (K6BDI) donated 3 items to the club, which were auctioned off at the meeting. The club raised \$28 and is extremely appreciative of the donation.

Meeting adjourned at 20:27.

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