



## November 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2019 are:

Bill Chezum	(W6WWY)	- President
Jeff Tong	(AA7GK)	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	(K6UN)	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	(W6RT)	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Bill Chezum (W6WWY) at 19:05. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 9. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: AD6NR John, K6UN Terry, KD6TLE Gordon, KG6ZJZ Dave, KK6BAF Paul, N6BEV Bev, NW6C Jon, W6SRV Wayne, and W6WWY Bill.

### Minutes

#### Financial Report:

Terry (K6UN) gave a general overview of the finances. For the period Oct. 9, 2019, to Nov. 12, 2019, we began with \$3,839.61 and ended with \$3,475.29. Terry noted that site fees (which are payable annually at this time of year to the federal government) are comparatively low for BARC but are much higher for radio sites holding commercial radio gear, as can be seen here: <https://www.fs.fed.us/specialuses/documents/2020RentalFeeScheduleForCommunicationsUses-508.pdf>

As a side note, Terry observed that the club must hold a board meeting and elect three positions on the board between now and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

#### Repeater Status Update:

John (AD6NR) obtained an electronic circuit board which, when installed, will enable voltage and current readings from Silver peak. John asked that the club

buy two microwave dishes, one for Silver and one for Mazourka. The total cost will be about \$550. These will allow two important improvements to take place:

1. Putting an internet connection on Mazourka from Silver, and
2. Removing and replacing link VHF radios on Mazourka and Silver. Ultimately, having microwave as part of our radio infrastructure will enable removal of four radios and an increase in depth of potential future site enhancements. The members present voted in favor of buying the two microwave antennas recommended by John.

### **Field Day 2020:**

Paul (KK6BAF) gave an overview of the plans for Field Day 2020. He stated that BARC cannot use the same site as last year. Instead, he located a nearby site that is 100' higher and larger than the location used in 2019. The name of the new and improved location is Camp Noreen. It will hold 12 vehicles. Paul needs volunteers to handle some important tasks. Those interested in helping need to contact Paul ([pdostie@aol.com](mailto:pdostie@aol.com)) for details on what needs doing.

### **Emergency Power:**

Terry (K6UN) reported that he has provided his personal generator to use as backup power for the county elections department during elections.

Paul (KK6BAF) added that the county is in the process of buying four propane generators. These will be placed at four key sites in the county. Paul wants one of these locations to be the Tri-County Fairgrounds business office. There, he wants to encourage the placement of electrical hookup hardware to accommodate the Salvation Army Canteen trailer.

### **2020 Officer Elections:**

All nominated officers ran unopposed, and were automatically re-elected to a one-year term. The 2020 officers are:

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

### **December Club Meeting:**

The BARC Christmas Party will take place at the Salvation Army meeting site on the second Tuesday in December. Club secretary Noam (W6RT) will provide details regarding what to bring.

### **Items from the Floor:**

Gordon (KD6TLE) asked if it was necessary to continue to store the two Cellwave commercial antennas removed from Mazourka two years ago. John (AD6NR) observed that they were not compatible with HAM radio equipment and did not need to be saved. Therefore, they will be recycled.

Meeting adjourned at 19:45.

*Many thanks to Gordon Baldwin (KD6TLE) for taking and transcribing the above notes - and for being so gracious every time I ask him for his help.*

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