



November 13, 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 19:02. The meeting was held at the Salvation Army building in Bishop, CA.

Number in attendance: 11. These were, in alphabetic order: AD6NR, K6UN, KA6HII, KD6TLE, KG6JZJ, KK6BAF, KM6VRO, N6BEV, NW6C, W6RT and W6WWY.

Minutes

Financial report:

Terry (K6UN) reported that over the past 2 months no money came in other than \$10 in cash for the purchase of a donated book. Edison expenses were \$47.10 in the most recent month and \$70.25 the month before. The difference results from lower winter rates kicking in. Other expenses during this period were \$123.08 for a repeater site lease and \$96.00 for a PO Box. The ending balance was \$2,582.25.

Terry observed that despite our modest expenses, we are running a deficit. Given that we have not changed the club dues in about 4 years, he suggested that we increase dues to \$30 per individual and \$35 per family. Paul (KK6BAF) provided the motion and Bill (W6WWY) seconded it. The motion carried without objection.

License Testing:

Jon (NW6C) reported that at the most recent club ham exam, Bev (N6BEV) qualified for a General license. Some of the examinees complained about noise during the test. The Salvation Army (where the test was held) can be busy at mid-day and it was suggested that we hold the test a bit later in the day.

Repeaters:

John (AD6NR) reported that Mark (W6WWA) worked with the Mammoth Mountain resort to gain access to our repeater site at the top of the gondola. Because the gondola was on a weather hold, he and Jon (NW6C) drove (with the resort's permission) to the site. After some searching the radio was found. John and Jon updated the CW ID to N6OV/M (to differentiate it from the Silver Peak repeater), changed the audio level of the CW ID, replaced the PL box, and copied the programming file from the TKR-750 controller. John noted that a defunct Caltrans repeater is still there and should ideally be removed, but that this would be difficult because it is an integral component in a special mid-mount rack and, worse yet, the removal may affect the Mammoth PD repeater.

John further reported that the North Tahoe repeater association would like to tie into us via the Leviathan (Mono County) repeater. The Tahoe folks need to speak with Mono folks to figure out how best to tie in.

At the time of the meeting, all Mazourka repeaters and links were down, for an unknown reason. Identified a team who would go up to the site ASAP to investigate. [Editor's Note: a team did go up to Mazourka Peak and determined that a loose fuse holder was to blame. The site is functional again.]

The microwave link between John's house and Silver Peak is down, which means images from the webcam cannot be seen. This would also prevent telemetry from the site, but that site monitor is not yet ready, while John awaits new temperature sensors to be delivered to replace ones that failed during testing.

John also requested "alternates" who can debug the system in his absence. He got 3 volunteers: Terry (K6UN), Bill (W6WWY), and Noam (W6RT). John will train them in diagnosing and treating our various repeaters and links.

John shared the easy-to-remember on/off codes for each repeater: (the code is based on the decimal portion of the transmit frequency of each repeater)

- Mammoth 146.**73** MHz: 73* on, 73# off
- Silver 146.**94** MHz: 94* on, 94# off

- Mazourka 146.**76** MHz: 76* on, 76# off
- Lone Pine 147.**21** MHz: 21* on, 21# off

Christmas Party:

Agreed to hold a potluck at the Salvation Army at the usual time of the December meeting (12/11 at 19:00). Discussed who will bring what, to ensure a good mix of appetizers, entrees and desserts.

Elections:

Paul (KK6BAF) announced that he will not run for re-election due to increasing demands on his time stemming from his Board of Directors position with the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Bill (W6WWY) was elected president, congratulations! The remaining officers were re-elected.

Items from the Floor:

John (AD6NR) noted that the BARC board needs to meet annually and such meetings need to have recorded minutes. No such minutes have been entered for either 2017 or 2018. Terry (K6UN) took the action item to remedy this.

Meeting adjourned at 20:17.

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