



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

BARC's officers for 2020 are:

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

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bill Chezum (W6WWY) at 19:00. Due to the need to observe social distancing, the meeting was held as a directed net over the club's linked 2m repeater system as well as a Zoom online conference.

Number in attendance: 10. They were, in alphabetical call sign order: AD6NR John, K6UN Terry, KD6TLE Gordon, KE6IWM Mike, N6BEV Beverly, N6SIT Paul, N6TGE Don, NW6C Jon, W6RT Noam, W6WWY Bill.

### Minutes

#### Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) reports he has been busy with election work and therefore there are no changes vs. last month. He has received outstanding bills for site licenses (\$112 each) and John (AD6NR) has submitted about \$200 of expense reimbursement requests for Mazourka repeater site purchases.

#### Repeater System Status

John (AD6NR) was happy to report that everything is stable. The microwave link from Silver to his house is working and delivering webcam and site monitor data - this data can be seen under the photo in the webcam page (<http://www.n6ov.com/Silver.html>). In addition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> microwave link from Silver to Mazourka is delivering site monitor data from Mazourka. The Mazourka data is not yet visible on the webcam page. Site access is now cut off (at least temporarily) because of snow, but no urgent work remains.

John also reported that David (W6TNT) designed custom brackets for the pole-mounting antennas. When possible, he will go up to Mazourka to install them. This will allow us to move the UHF antennas from the container to the poles.

Grounding work at Mazourka will take several days. This requires drilling and cabling. Due to the amount of work required, this will wait until after winter.

Regarding the Mono County repeater link, there is still no response from our contact with the County, Eric (KM6OIA). Jeff (AA6GK) is also unable to get a hold of Eric. John is assuming Eric got very busy, and will keep trying.

Bill (W6WWY) reports that Mazourka is working fantastically well in Fish Lake Valley, as reported by Jim (N7IU).

## **Officer Election**

The slate identified last month (and listed below) was unanimously elected for the 2021 term:

- President: Bill W6WWY
- VP: Jon NW6C
- Treasurer: Terry K6UN
- Secretary: Noam W6RT

In addition, Terry (K6UN) said he would work on director elections now that he is done working on the general elections.

## **Items from the Floor**

Terry (K6UN) reported that at our testing session on 11/7 had 2 candidates, one of whom passed the Tech-level exam, while the other one failed. The materials went out in the mail to ARRL on 11/10. Terry added that if we do more testing in winter we would need a more sheltered location.

Terry also reports that Mono County has had a COVID-19 breakout at the Marine base near Bridgeport - 180 cases all at once.

John (AD6NR) mentioned that Ed (K6END) is trying to help Dennis (W6IY) clean up. There is quite a bit of old ham equipment of limited value. For items of value, he is trying to figure out how to sell it. For example, Dylan (KN6IVW) can help check vacuum tubes and sell them on eBay. If anyone else is available to help, please contact Ed directly ([jed94568@earthlink.net](mailto:jed94568@earthlink.net)).

Jon (NW6C) brought up the fact that Panamint Valley Days are coming up (Nov. 13-15). He and a number of others will be headed that way and won't be available on those days to help Ed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:42.

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