

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes November 9, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by BARC President Adrian van der Riet (N6ZA)

Introductions around the room (13 members - 2 visitors) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$1,747.60; Savings Account \$1,011.36. See Website for details.

Adrian explained his new call (N6ZA): ZA is the automobile association designation for South Africa and "ZA" is often associated with coming from South Africa. Adrians' brothers' call is K1ZA.

September Meeting minutes: Motion to accept by Kurt (W6PH) - Second by Rich (KF 6YLW) accepted by unanimous hand vote.

Upcoming activities in the next month:

EMComm Simplex Net on 146.94: Tomorrow evening at PM - everyone please join in and participate: Several members will be attending the OVRO lecture at Cerro Coso College so Bob Payne accepted the honor of running the net.

T- hunt: Saturday November 12th at 10AM: Details are on the BARC Website: Gigi van der Riet (N6GIG) will be the Fox so expect a good hunt!

ARRL SSB Sweepstakes: November 10-21 - one of the oldest contests in Amateur Radio. Several members intend to participate

December Meeting: Annual Pot Luck Dinner - see details below.

Other Business

ARRL CW Sweepstakes Contest: Objective is to work all ARRL sections and Canadian providences and make as many contacts as possible in a 24 hour period.

Adrian (N6ZA): Worked 78 sections & providences using QRP (5 Watts) and make approximately 300 contacts. Adrian noted he worked a number of stations on the back of his beam.

Kurt (W6PH): Worked all 80 sections and providences using high power (more than 150 Watts) and a good antenna array. He made 1152 contacts and will probably be in the top 10 in Southern California! (way to go Kurt!)

Old Business

- 1) New Meeting date for BARC: Continued to a subsequent meeting
- 2) Red Cross request for space on Silver Pk.: Presently on hold - no decision as yet
- 3) Linking of Silver and Mammoth: Link radio donated by KJ6KO is working and AD6NR is working on interfacing it with the TKR750 Kenwood repeater.
- 4) New Batteries: They have been installed and are working. The power system as not yet been changed so that only the BARC repeater is powered by the batteries. Changes must be made to the DC buss in the building. That will take some re-engineering. No specific date has been established for those changes as yet.
- 5) Silver Peak Inventory: Complete (in Excel spread sheet) and ready for distribution

New Business

Voting in of New Officers: All incumbents were nominated (without opposition): All Officers were elected by unanimous hand vote.

Adrian van der Reit (N6ZA): President

Mike Fitzsimmons (W6HDV): Vice President

Bob Payne (N7RAP): Treasurer/Webmaster

John Shepherd (AD6NR): Secretary

New member of Board of Directors: Current Board members: Kurt (W6PH), Everett (KD6IXK) and Bob (W7WOW). The Board nominated Bob (W7WOW) for another 3 year term. He was elected by a unanimous hand vote of the members present.

Christmas Party: Suggestions: Pot luck Bishop Senior Center, Catered at the VFW hall (~\$15-20/head), Pot luck at Salvation Army Center: After some discussion the Pot Luck at the Salvation Army Center was selected.

Disconnect W6IY's 31/91 repeater from BARC 39/94 repeater: proposal to eliminate the current capability for the 31/91 repeater to shift to 34/94 and automatically override and shut down the BARC 34/94 repeater. This has been a useful capability in the past due to the unreliable state of the BARC repeater. The repeater system has undergone major upgrades in the last year and is much more reliable. Additionally the control system on the 31/91 system failed and got "stuck" on 34/94 last year. A visit to the site was necessary to re-activate the BARC repeater. Proposal carried by hand vote: (For = 9 Against = 2 Abstaining = 2) Change to be make as soon as practical.

Newsletters: After general discussion: 4 newsletters per year (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter). Deadline for submission of all materials for the newsletter is on or before the quarterly license exam.

Library: The club has books, tapes, and various publications that are available to members for loan. Adrian will bring the "library" to each meeting where members can check something out - to be returned at the next meeting.

BARC Building: President van der Riet proposed we investigate the possibility of acquiring a building or land for a permanent facility for the club. There is a significant amount of publicly owned land and facilities in the Bishop area that might be available for a public service organization like BARC. The facility could serve as a meeting place for the club, contain a permanent club radio station, service as a focal point for the club. Anyone with ideas please contact Adrian.

Drawing: Rich (KF6YLQW) re-instituted an old BARC meeting tradition: a drawing. Tickets are \$1 each at the end of the meeting a winning ticket is selected and the winner gets 1/2 of the ticket sales and the other half goes to the club!

Repeater Status: proposal to show the status of the local repeaters on our web site. Bob (N7RAP) will list add that capability to the web site. John (AD6NR) will provide update status to Bob at each club meeting.

Club Project: Suggestions:

Design and build a 60M crystal controlled transmitter - Adrian (N6ZA)\

Off-set attenuator - Dennis (W6IY)

Let's talk about a club project at the Christmas Party!!

BARC HF Net: (AD6NR) made a motion to substitute a one night a week HF net for the normal 8PM net on the BARC repeater. Discussion was positive but the motion was amended to have the HF net be at 7PM on Tuesday (before the evening 8PM net) on (or near) 3990 (75M). Rich KF6YLW seconded the amended motion. Motion carried by unanimous hand vote.

Technical Questions

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM

Submitted by John Shepherd AD6NR BARC Secretary

B.A.R.C. Agenda for meeting on Wednesday November 9th 2011

Call to order – 7 PM.

Self introductions (around the room)

Treasurers Report

Minutes from previous meeting – *Please all read before the meeting. Posted on BARC website. www.N6OV.com*

Upcoming Activities in the next month:

1. Emcomm net on 146.94 simplex. Thursday November 10th at 7:30PM.
2. OVRO lecture Thursday November 10th at Cerro Coso 7PM-8PM.
3. T-hunt at 10AM Saturday 12^h November – reminder. Rules and map posted on BARC website.
4. ARRL November Sweepstakes SSB – November 19-21.
5. CQ WW CW DX Contest – November 26-27.
6. December meeting is Christmas Party – Pot Luck.

Other Business:

1. Reports on ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest from participants.
2. Congratulations to new Extra licensees Mark KI6MWI and John K6MWK.
3. Additional other business.

Old Business:

1. BARC Meeting dates – Adrian N6ZA / Mike W6HDV (? Min)
2. Red Cross – N6ZA (1 min)
3. Linking Silver to Mammoth report – Adrian N6ZA / Dennis W6IY (2 min)
4. New battery installation at Silver – Adrian N6ZA (2 min)

5. Silver Peak Inventory – Adrian N6ZA (1 min)
6. Additional old business.

New Business:

1. Voting in officers of the club for 2012 (including new Board member who will be nominated by current board members) – Adrian N6ZA
2. Christmas Party venue to be decided - Adrian N6ZA (If you have any ideas, bring them)
3. Disconnect 94 from 91 – Adrian N6ZA
4. BARC Newsletter – dates for submission deadlines – Bob N7RAP.
5. BARC Library / BARC building – Adrian N6ZA.
6. 50/50 – Rich KF6YLW.
7. Current repeater status on website - Adrian N6ZA.
8. Club project for 2012 – Adrian N6ZA
9. Additional new business

Presentations:

1. Show and Tell. Bring your gadgets, new or old, big or small to show and explain to the other members. (? Min.) (This is only as good as YOU make it.)
2. Technical question time. If you have a technical question, now would be a good time to ask. (? Min.)(Answers provided by those present. Correct or relevant answers not guaranteed. ☺)

Adjourn

