

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes October 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by BARC President Adrian van der Riet (N6ZA)

Introductions around the room (19 members + 3 guests) (see attached sign-in sheet - 2 visitors did not sign in)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$1,635.86; Savings Account \$1,011.38; Repeater Capital Fund \$1,204.78

Sept Meeting minutes: Motion to accept by Jon (NW6C) Second by Jackie (KA6HGI)

Upcoming activities in the next month:

T-hunt: Saturday Oct 20 at 10AM: Details on the BARC Website: Gigi (KW6Y) is this month's Fox.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting: Saturday at 8:00 before the T-Hunt at Denny's. on Main St. Bishop

Sunday Morning 80M Net Next Sunday at 08:30 Local time on 3990 KHz.

November Sweepstakes - CW Nov 3-5th

CQ WW SSB DX Contest Oct 27-28th

General

50/50 :won by Everett (KD6IXK) \$26.50!

Club Library: Many good books to borrow - please sign out when you take one

Classified on N6OV.com: Several items currently on the web site - note to Bob (N7RAP) to add something

Old Business

Maritime Mobile Event: Report by Keith (KJ6IXM): A good time was had by all on this kayak trip down the lower Owens River. Dennis and Ann got to do a little impromptu swimming and there was a little extra sun burn to go around.

Special Event Station K6L (Lone Pine Film Festival): Report by Ed (N7SSP) - more than 30 contacts were made from Keith's (KJ6IXM) mobile "radio shack."

94/76 Link: Dennis (W6IY) reports that the Little Lake to Mazourka link will be installed next Friday and the Mazourka Silver 76-94 link should be up and running the week after.

91 Repeater refurbishment: Dennis (W6IY) reports that this will be done after the 76 repeater system work is complete

BARC Membership Capability: Bob (W7WOW) was unable to attend the meeting so the report is postponed until next month.

Everest Challenge Bike Race: Kurt (W6PH) reports that it was a successful event with only 3 injuries of note - only one of which was considered serious. Kurt noted some "learning's" to be gained: we need to track the race director with a "shadow" and we should track the last cyclist through each check point. Kurt thanked everyone for their help and participation and the club thanked Kurt of organizing our support for this event.

Silver Pk Update: John (AD6NR) reported that he and Jon (NW6C) have isolated the batteries to that they will only power the TKR750 repeater and Mammoth Link in the event of a power failure. A low voltage cut off device has been installed so in the event the battery voltage drops below 12.0 volts the batteries will be automatically disconnected from the load. This will prevent damage to the batteries caused by too deep a discharge.

FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): The FCC is asking for comments on a proposal to grant credit for any sections of an Amateur Radio License exam previously passed as evidenced by a license - no matter if the license has expired or when the license was issued. They also propose to reduce the number of Volunteer Examiners needed to hold a license exam session from 3 to 2. Comments due to the FCC within 30 days.

New Business

Solar Panel Donation: Lin Kroll (N6ZKW) has donated a slightly damaged 120W solar panel to the club. After some discussion about potential use for Field Day (who gets to store it) and on Silver Pk (not a good idea because it is damaged) it was proposed to auction it off at the December meeting.

Nomination of Officers for 2013

President: John (AD6NR) - no other nominations

Vice President : Mike (W6HDV) and Dennis (W6IY)

Secretary : Jon (NW6C) - no other nominations

Treasurer: Bob (N7SSP) - no other nominations

Elections to be held at the November regular meeting and officers take office in January

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Ice Cream and Apple Pie Social after the meeting: Thanks to Adrian and Gigi!!

Submitted 11/7/2012 John Shepherd BARC Secretary.

