

Bishop Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2011

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM by BARC President Adrian van der Riet
(16 Members attending – 3 visitors)

Introductions (around the room)

Treasurers Report by Bob Payne: \$1880.45 in checking; \$1011.35 in Savings

Previous meeting minutes read Gail Sharkey (KI6CJP) – Accepted as read

General Announcements: BARC meeting will now be the 2nd WEDNESDAY of each Month, starting at 7PM at the Salvation Army.

Old Business:

Back up Batteries for Silver Peak: Bob Moss (W7WOW): - club to purchase 2 - 115 Amp Hr Batteries. Batteries will require secondary containment. These would be back up to for the existing battery bank. Bob is waiting for sale to buy batteries (Gale will provide text of precise wording of original motion to buy these batteries at next meeting). Bob will provide list of times and cost at next meeting and coordinate with Dennis Clark (W6IY) to assure compatibility with existing battery bank. (NOTE; present control system does not automatically disconnect loads when commercial power fails: Dennis plans a future modification to provide this capability)

Motion by Adrian van der Riet (N6VDR): *At earliest opportunity - load test existing battery (bank) to determine if it is OK – if it is – discontinue effort to purchase additional batteries; develop and implement control system change to automatically shed unessential loads in the event of a power outage.*

Second by Dennis (W6IY): Motion approved by unanimous hand vote of members present

New Business:

New control system for Silver Peak Facility: Walt Lockhart (K6BDI), noting that BARC does not own the Silver Peak control system, offered to donate a controller and GE Mastr II receiver to BARC that could be configured and installed by BARC members so that the control system would become a BARC asset. He also suggested removing the existing control system cabinet and replacing it with an open rack.

Discussion: existing control system is owned by Dennis (W6IY). It does have some facility housekeeping capability such as the power systems and control of the 91 repeater. Only John Patzer (NW6C) and Dennis Clark have control of the facility power system. However, no one has primary control of the 34/94 repeater (this issue may need to be resolved).

No formal action taken on Walt's offer or recommendation at this meeting – continue to next meeting

Time change for daily net: Question: is the 9PM net still OK or should it go back to 8PM? (mixed discussion) - call the question - by hand vote: 9 votes for 8PM – 1 vote for 9PM.

Motion by John Shepherd (AD6NR): *Starting Friday Jan 14 nightly BARC net to be moved from 2100 hrs to 2000 hrs.*

Second by Earl Gann (KI6AIK): Motion approved by unanimous hand vote of members present. (Bob Payne will notify club members via e-mail)

Propose BARC Transmitter Hunt in March: John Shepherd (AD6NR) suggested a transmitter hunt in mid to late March. Discussion: generally thought to be a good idea for a new club activity. Would need to start out simple and be available to non-club members as well.

Motion by John Shepherd: *John to prepare recommendation for structure and propose rules for T-Hunt. Distribute for discussion next regular meeting.*

Second by Adrian van der Riet- Motion approved by unanimous hand vote of members present.

Motion of adjourn by John Shepherd: Second by Bob Moss Motion approved by unanimous hand vote of members present. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

John R. Shepherd (AD6NR): BARC Secretary

