

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes Feb 10, 2011

CALLING ALL HAMS!!! Help needed May 21 for the Bishop High Sierra Ultramarathons (AKA BHS50) to support the Northern Inyo Hospital Foundation. Please contact Adrian Van der Riet (N6VDR)

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by BARC President Adrian Van der Riet

Introductions around the room (15 members + 3 visitors)

Treasurer's report: received \$390 in dues; Checking account has \$2290.09 and savings has \$1011.36

Last Month's meeting notes were posted on the web site: Mike (KA6HII) made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Fried (WA6WZO) and accepted unanimously by a voice vote.

Presentation – BHS50

Marie Boyd gave a brief history of the BHS50. This is the 18 annual race. It is really 4 separate races run simultaneously. Three hundred runners are expected. The signature event is the 100K. Two Ham radio operators are needed at each of the 11 aid stations to collect runner information, pass along runner places and check that everyone returns that started! Ham radio operators are also needed for other duties in support of the race. Adrian (N6VDR) will provide training, orientation and a spreadsheet for collecting runner information. The race starts a 6AM May 21. (Not all ham volunteers need be in place at 6AM!). This is a great communication exercise to sharpen our skills and benefit a very worthy cause.

Pending Old Business

Batteries for Silver Pk Facility: Continued from our Jan 13 meeting: pending access to the facility in the spring.

Old Business

Remove all 6 meter equipment from Silver Pk: Dennis (W6IY) reported that 95% of all equipment has been removed – only a single chassis remains.

T-Hunt Rules: The proposed BARC T-Hunt rules were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Adrian (N6VDR) to accept T-Hunt rules as proposed, seconded by Dennis (W6IY), and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Starting Location for T-Hunt: After discussion of a parking lot down town and Red Hill, Red Hill was selected.

ACTION: John (AD6NR) will prepare and distribute a map to the start location.

Date and Time: The Saturday after the normal BARC monthly meeting starting at 10 AM was proposed and accepted. The first hunt will be March 12, 2011.

First "Fox": Interested members put their calls in box. Jon NW6C's name was drawn and will be the first Fox

Dues: Members that have not yet paid are urged to do so.

New Business

1. Question by Adrian (N6VDR): Is the 95 repeater in compliance with the rules as they apply to control? Dennis (W6IY) response: The 94 repeater only ID's every 10 minutes. We are able to turn off the repeater using a frequency. Dennis (W6IY) and Jon (NW6C) can control the repeater. ACTION: Dennis will review the current rules and advise at the next meeting.

2. The Mammoth Mountain Repeater also needs to be evaluated for rule compliance.

3. Visit to Mammoth Mt Repeater. April 2nd was proposed for the visit. Several members voice interest in visiting the site including Dennis (W6IY), Jon (NW6C) and several others. Adrian will coordinate the details

4. New Antenna for 34/94 repeater: There was considerable discussion on a new antenna for the BARC 94 repeater. Proposals ranged from a new commercial antenna cut for the repeater frequency to repair of an existing antenna. Bob (W7WOW) said that through it was possible to get a commercial grade antenna for under \$100. There was a general consensus that BARC should acquire a reliable antenna that would have a life time of at least 10 years. ACTION: Adrian (N6VDR) asked John (AD6NR) to research the subject of possible replacement antennas and report to the club at the next meeting.

5. Link Mammoth Mt Repeater to Silver Pk repeater: ACTION: Adrian will organize an effort to link the repeaters and report – continue to subsequent meetings.

6. Club duplexer: Discussion about BARC buying / owning the duplexer for the 34/94 Silver Pk repeater. The duplexer currently in use is owned by Dennis (W6IY) . Continue discussion to subsequent meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by ?, 2nd by Dennis (W6IY) Unanimous voice vote: Adjourn at 8:36 PM

John Shepherd (AD6NR)

BARC Secretary