



## November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2023 are:

Bill Chezum	W6WWY	- President
Jon Patzer	NW6C	- Vice President
Terry Fenske	K6UN	- Treasurer
Noam Shendar	W6RT	- Secretary

Meeting called to order by president Bill Chezum (W6WWY) at 19:19. The meeting took place at the Salvation Army in Bishop and on Zoom.

Number in attendance: 7 Self-introductions included John (AD6NR), Ed (K6END), Dave (KG6JZJ), Dave (KO6ST), Jon (NW6C), Noam (W6RT), and Bill (W6WWY).

### Minutes

#### Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) was not present, and said in advance that he would send the financial report via email.

#### Repeater Status

John (AD6NR) reported that the system is doing better since the lightning hit. The temp sensors are working in both peaks, 2 cameras each, PTZ on Silver that moves autonomously, with great picture quality. UHF still not functional but not high usage. Importantly, things are stable for winter, though he would love one last trip for little things. Got a new pole from the USFS that is really high in exchange for a shorter one we have.

Noam (W6RT) reported that our DMR repeater works but the C-Bridge (server) is down. John (AD6NR) suggested we may want to go independent instead of being dependent on another server and another group to, for example, set TGs (talk groups). This is a good thing to discuss for next year.

## **Nightly Net**

Dave (KO6ST) reported that the new start time resulted in good feedback and increased traffic, on all 3 repeaters. Mike (KE6IWM) agrees it sounds great down in Lone Pine. One recent net had 8 people and lasted a while, which felt like old times.

## **Board of Directors Update**

Ed (K6END) shared that he got a copy of the bylaws from the Catalina Island repeater group, which were written by a nonprofit attorney. He passed it to other BoD members for feedback. John (AD6NR) asked about continuity in the event of the club dwindling down. Ed responded that we may need a larger board, and review the documents with an eye toward that objective (continuity). We will need to come up with our own approach because there doesn't seem to be a ready-made solution out there.

## **Officer Elections**

The same slate of officers that was elected for 2023 agreed to run again for 2024. A motion to re-elect all officers was introduced, seconded, and passed without objection.

## **Items from the Floor**

Christmas party: Bill (W6WWY) wasn't sure if the Salvation Army would be available. Plan B at Denny's? Some talk of the Country Club. Denny's it is.

Ham exam: Kyle (who later became W2SAR) aced the Tech test. We also ran into an odd situation - the ARRL invalidated a test that we proctored. Noam (W6RT) added that SAR is resulting in increased interest in ham radio.

Ed (K6END) announced that Dennis's (W6IY/SK) estate is near finalization. Next step is a 12/8 superior court meeting where final approval will be requested.

## **Meeting adjourned at 19:50.**

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