



May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2024 are:

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| 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 19:11. The meeting took place at the **new** Salvation Army in Bishop and on Zoom.

Number in attendance: 17. Self-introductions included: John AD6NR, Ed K6END, Terry K6UN, Mike KE6IWM, Dave KG6JZJ, Rieker KO6ARH & Monkey, Dave KO6ST, Bev N6BEV, Paul N6SIT, Rick KN6PZI, Jon NW6C, John W3XWT, Noam W6RT, Gary W6TVX, Bill W6WWY, and Walter (unlicensed).

Minutes

Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) reported income of \$45 for testing and expenses of \$45 also for testing, \$9 to the USPS for sending payment to Bridgecom, and payment to Bridgecom in the amount of \$2,427.55, for a new DMR repeater. The Power bill was \$78.95, and our remaining balance is \$35,061.35.

Repeater Status

John (AD6NR) reports that we are close to being able to go "up the hill." We learned that a visitor was able to drive up to Mazourka Peak.

Nightly Net

Dave (KO6ST) reported that it's going great, and that it's nice to see Gary (W6TVX) from Clovis in person (via Zoom) at our meeting.

VOAD

Eric (AD6VT) reported that there are no VOAD meetings until July.

BHS Races

Noam (W6RT) provided an update. We are fully staffed but the more the merrier! Please join if you can. (Email w6rt@arrl.net for details.)

Field Day

Noam (W6RT) reminded the club that Field Day 2024 is coming up, and will take place during the weekend of June 22-23. We have a reservation at the Cedar Flat Group Camp, starting on Thursday and lasting through Monday. There is some confusion about the dates - please note that this year it's not during the last weekend in June.

Board

Ed (K6END) provided a brief overview of the Board of Directors. Please email or call him if there are any issues you wish the Board to discuss.

Items from the Floor

Bill (W6WWY) says that our website has issues on iPhones - rotating does not provide the full website. (It works fine on Android. On the iPhone both Safari and Chrome failed to display the full website.)

He also requested we link from website to our Facebook page.

John (AD6NR) asked if there is anyone in the club who thinks we should put a GMRS repeater up on Silver Peak. (The general opinion in the room was yes.) John wasn't sure if this is doable from a cost perspective (USFS fees). Given that there's interest, John will look into this.

Meeting adjourned at 19:42.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

Secretary, Bishop Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (BARC)

Certificate of Appreciation to Bob Payne (N7RAP)

At the March meeting of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club (BARC), Bob was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his many years of effort in constructing and maintaining the BARC website. This award was proposed and approved by BARC members involved in following up on Bob's work, as because of many health issues, Bob was finding it difficult to properly maintain it. Bob was able to attend part of the March meeting on zoom, but because of health and home internet communications issues, was not there in person.

I (Jon, NW6C) followed up by delivering the certificate to Bob personally. He was very pleased to receive the certificate, and wanted the Club to know that he was very grateful to see his work was going to be maintained and improved on by new Club volunteers. Bill Carpenter (WA6QZY) was identified as a technical helper. Bob recalls wanting to do something to help the Club, and decided a web-site would be a worthwhile contribution. He was quite savvy with computers, but had never done a web-site. When he needed advice on that, he was able to call up an older brother for advice. He also relayed that he had originally moved to Bishop to help with a sister that was succumbing to dementia. Both of those family members have now passed away.

That web-site (now N6OV.org) has been the go-to source for Club contact information, activities, volunteer exam dates, and now mountain top web cameras since its inception.

Club members, as well as many other Amateur Radio prospects and visitors, are grateful for Bob's effort.

Jon, NW6C, BARC Vice President.