



## July 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club

BARC's officers for 2024 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 19:05. The meeting took place at the **new** Salvation Army in Bishop and on Zoom.

Number in attendance: 13. Self-introductions included: Jeff AA7GK, John AD6NR, Eric AD6VT, Terry K6UN, Dave KG6JZJ, Brian KN6UHI, Stef KO6EVP, Dave KO6ST, Jon NW6C, Bill W6QZY, Noam W6RT, Gary W6TVX, and Bill W6WWY.

### Minutes

#### Financial Report

Terry (K6UN) reported no income. We spent \$87.59 on SCE and \$180.91 for an APRS TNC. The ending balance is \$31,891.86.

#### Repeater Status

John (AD6NR) said our repeaters are pretty much the same. We're getting closer to figuring out why the UHF link coming back from Mazourka isn't working. He needs someone to go up to Silver and replace the power cutoff switch that connects us to the SCE meter. When we're ready to go, SCE will meet us up there to cut the power while we do the work. It should take an hour at most.

Jon (NW6C) said there is another issue up on Silver. The Forest Service put in new ground wires, and in the process pushed part of our electrical conduit out

of the ground. It's not a huge problem, but in general we would like our conduits buried more deeply.

### **DMR Repeater Status**

Bill (W6QZY) reported that the repeater is working fine. A number of us had a discussion earlier this evening to finalize a few configuration details. We will use time slot 2 (TS2) for local traffic, and time slot 1 (TS1) for out-of-the-area traffic. TS1 has the California, Nevada and SNARS talk groups (TGs) on "static," which means we will automatically hear any traffic on those TGs. To connect to all other TGs, one needs to select that TG on their radio and hit PTT.

### **APRS**

Eric (AD6VT) reported that the new APRS TNC is ready, including a cable that he needed to order. The next step is to drive up to Mazourka to perform the replacement. He is looking for someone who will go up to Mazourka with him, or else Noam (W6RT) is available in early August. Jeff (AA7GK) and Bill (W6QZY) suggested using a radio that is already down here to set the audio levels, and then install it on the mountaintop.

### **Nightly Net**

Dave (KO6ST) reported no real change. Participation is high and the repeaters are working well. Gary (W6TVX) is a regular attendee from Clovis, which we love.

### **VOAD**

Eric (AD6VT) reported that the next meeting is on 7/25.

### **Field Day Recap**

Bill (W6WWY) said it was an interesting Field Day. Disorganized, lightly attended, and with poor propagation. :-) The best (and pretty much only) open band was 15m. In addition, he's thinking it would be a fun project to build new antennas to replace our aging fleet of antennas. Jon (NW6C) said he spoke with a Texas station that hadn't until that point heard anyone from California. Dave (KO6ST) added that Bill had never been on 15m before, and was like a kid in a candy store. The antenna that was used was an ancient 80m dipole.

### **Board**

Terry (K6UN) said we have 3 agenda items pending and need to meet soon.

### **Items from the Floor**

Jon (NW6C) brought to show and tell a tiny Radio Shack analog multimeter. He also had a classic nose hair trimmer.

Meeting adjourned at 19:31.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

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