



November 12, 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 19:00. The meeting took place at the new Salvation Army in Bishop and on Zoom.

Number in attendance: 15. Self-introductions included: John AD6NR, Mike KE6IWM, Brian KG6DTZ, Dave KG6JZJ, John KJ7UZN, Paul KK6BAF, Rieker KO6ARH and Monkey, Dave KO6ST, Alex N5FPV, Paul N6SIT, Jon NW6C, Noam W6RT, Gary W6TVX and Bill W6WWY.

Minutes

Financial Report

Noam (W6RT) relayed Terry's (K6UN) report that we had \$45 in and out for testing, had an Edison Credit (no charge), and ended the reporting period with a balance of \$27,920.66.

Repeater Status

John (AD6NR) reported we're still struggling to keep the UHF links free of gremlins. We tried to install new links, but they didn't work. Bill (W6WWY) asked if we can put up anemometers on the mountaintops to try to correlate wind with noise issues.

APRS

Eric (AD6VT) was not present.

Nightly Net

Dave (KO6ST) reported that not much is new. Still getting some noise when communicating with Clovis (but only one way). Also, we periodically lose Mazourka. There was a discussion around the net start time, and it was decided to keep it at 1930 hours.

VOAD

Noam (W6RT) reported that he attended the October quarterly meeting. There is increasing participation from Bishop area organizations (expanding the footprint in Inyo County).

Christmas Parade

Paul (KK6BAF) has a 16 ft. trailer. Can we put a tower and a mock antenna on the trailer? Add some string lights and the club banner. Dress up? And can we have one of our club members as Santa Claus? Volunteers who are willing to help: Bill, Rieker, Jon, Noam. We also need a volunteer to find out about registration.

Range of Light Races Recap

Noam (W6RT) reported we had double coverage at each aid station, which makes the job much easier. The race director reported that 75% of the racers were from out of the area (from as far as New Jersey).

Board

There was no meeting. Paul (N6SIT) would like to submit his membership for the board.

Items from the Floor

Christmas Party: Bill (W6WWY) - meet at Denny's again? (Yes)

Ham Exam: Noam (W6RT) reported that we had two candidates. One successfully upgraded to General. The other failed the tech. The next one is on February 1st, 2025..

Paul (KK6BAF) has been talking to Mono County about a GMRS repeater. He scoped out a hill on private property, and secured the owner's permission.

Bill (W6WWY) says he and Paul (KK6BAF) could use help putting up a tower at Paul's place. Contact Bill if interested. John (AD6NR) pointed out that Jon (NW6C) has the full kit for this - a wideband repeater with a duplexer and a cabinet.

Meeting adjourned at 19:38.

Noam Shendar (W6RT)

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