

# Minutes of the Butte Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Date: February 1, 2025

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:45 AM

## **In Attendance:**

Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO) - Presiding, Jack Hook (KK7IZN), Erik Bodenberger (KA7JMH), Rob Sisson (KE7IYU), Rodney Pewitt (N7TRG), Jerry McDonald (W7FVB), and Steve Shannon (AI7KS)  
Recording Secretary

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jack Hook reported that we began January with a balance of \$666.04. We received \$150 in dues and \$45 in donations. Our expenditures were \$275 to cover the filing fee for the 501(c)3 1023ez application. That left us with \$586.04 at the end of January.

## **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:**

**Motion Made:** Erik Bodenberger

**Seconded:** Rob Sisson

### **Vote**

**Aye:** Gene, Jack, Erik, Rob, Rodney, and Steve

**Nay:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Steve read the January minutes.

## **Any Corrections?**

None

## **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting with noted corrections**

**Motion Made:** Jack Hook

**Seconded:** Gene Bodenberger

### **Vote**

**Aye:** Gene, Jack, Erik, Rob, Rodney, and Steve

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Business Plan:** At the Annual Meeting in December the following cursory budget and simple description of future activities was presented. This section will be repeated each month to remind us of what we set out to accomplish. Completed Budget Items will be removed from List. Where appropriate, progress reports will be attached to each item.:

**Budget Items Remaining:**

April: PO Box - ~\$190

August: Insurance ~\$250

Unknown: Forest Service Fees – Unknown at this time – we must ensure we have extra in the treasury or get real serious about fundraising!

Unknown: Electrician – Unknown at this time.

**List of Items remaining to be completed in 2025:**

Now that we have been approved as a 501(c)(3), apply for grants from NorthWestern Energy, Butte Community Foundation, etc.

Transfer of title for trailer – Once the trailer is transferred, we must fill out the request for exemption from Property Taxes for MT DOR.

**Any other business for the good of the order:**

Rodney mentioned that with the new president in office in Washington, he thinks the grant that he thought we might apply for is no longer going to be available. He will track it.

Jack mentioned that he intends to begin doing some portable operations to generate some positive publicity for ham radio, using battery power, a portable antenna, and a portable radio. At first we might set up a table and work from the parking lots of Ace, Walmart, etc. He would like it if other members of the club joined him. Steve indicated that he is interested in joining in.

Gene brought up possibly doing some POTA or SOTA activations. Erik asked about Thompson Park. Gene pointed out that POTA.app has capped the list of parks in the USA for now.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion Made:** Jack Hook

**Seconded:** Steve Shannon