

## Minutes of the first meeting of the Butte Radio Club – June 1, 2024

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:45 AM

### **In Attendance:**

Ed Bodenberger W7ARO, Erik Bodenberger KA7JMH, Rick Duprey KDOTSC, Kevin Haugen K7RSI, Layla Haugen, Rob Sisson KE7IYU, Gene Bodenberger N7ARO, Cliff Gade N7ATM, Jack Hook KK7IZN, Verne Brown KK6DIO, Rodney Pewitt N7TRG, Steve Shannon AI7KS

New Business:

**Steve went through the list of what has been done and what must be done.**

### **What has been done:**

1. May 4, 2024 – Steve filed articles of incorporation to form Montana nonprofit corporation: Butte Radio Club, Inc. P.O. Box 4784, Butte, MT 59702-4784.
2. Steve requested and received an EIN from the IRS. Our EIN is **99-2983842**,
3. Steve notified IRS that we intend to operate as a 501(c)(3). Within 27 months of our formation date we must seek formal recognition by filing the 1023EZ form. **So, the deadline for the 1023EZ is August 4, 2026.** We can operate as a 501(c)3 until then, but we must do all of our required bookkeeping and annual filings. Having formal recognition may be instrumental in seeking donations and is necessary for lower postal rates.

### **What must still be done:**

1. Jack will start a new bank account for BRC.
2. Steve will look into updating our trustee licenses (FCC): Steve
3. Who will transfer the title of the trailer from Butte Amateur Radio Club to Butte Radio Club?
4. Who will look into new name on insurance/forest service agreement/etc: **Who will take this on?**
5. Who will head up fundraising? If we don't do this one thing, there was really no reason for us to have gone to all this work.

Absorption of BARC members:

Steve made a motion to grant membership to all of the current members of the Butte Amateur Radio Club members for the remainder their paid terms. For all except Rob Sisson, dues will become due in January 2025.

Because Rob Sisson paid in advance for two years of BARC membership, his dues will become due January 2026.

**Motion Made:** Steve Shannon

**Second:** Gene Bodenberger

**Vote:** Ed Bodenberger, Erik Bodenberger, Rick Duprey, Kevin Haugen, Rob Sisson, Gene Bodenberger, Cliff Gade, Jack Hook, Verne Brown, Rodney Pewitt, Steve Shannon

### **Butte Wings and Wheels**

Rob Sisson said he would be there representing Butte Radio Club. Steve will be there for rocketry.

### **New Repeater**

Rodney said that he might know of federal funds that could help pay for a new repeater.

Gene said there was another program for new repeaters.

### **Equipment Listing**

Ed brought up that there are several places when equipment belonging to the old BARC has been taken to protect it. We need to make a full accounting of it. Here are the people/places that were mentioned:

Tom Hoffman

Gene Bodenberger

Cliff Gade

Rick Duprey – trailer

Jerry McDonald

Rodney Pewitt – Icom 706, wattmeter and two slugs

Steve Shannon – Orange Box with electronics

Silver Bow Emergency - ??

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion made: Ed Bodenberger

Seconded: Rick Duprey