

Minutes of the Butte Radio Club – October 5, 2024

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:32 AM

In Attendance:

Kevin Haugen (K7RSI), Erik Bodenberger (KA7JMH), Ed Bodenberger (W7ARO), Rodney Pewitt (K7TRG), Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO), Jerry McDonald (W7FVB), Verne Brown (KK6DIO), Jack Hook (KK7IZN), Rob Sisson (KE7IYU), Cliff Gade (N7ATM), and Steve Shannon (AI7KS) recording secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

We started the month of September with \$405.08 as our bank balance. During September we received \$25 in dues and \$68 in donations for an end of the month balance of \$498.08.

The donations in the jug at the Annie's Restaurant totaled \$52 which will be reflected in the October report.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:

Motion Made: Ed Bodenberger

Seconded: Rodney Pewitt

Vote

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Reading of the Minutes:

Any Corrections?

Finish sentence in any other business for good of order.

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

Motion Made: Rob Sisson

Seconded: Erik Bodenberger

Vote

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Old Business:

Insurance

Gene said he would cancel the old policy.

Repeater

We turned in the new insurance certificates and Trustee Licenses to the Forest Service. Those were the last things needed for the Forest Service application as far as I know.

I spoke to Rob Morris who does the communications on Wednesday. He said how busy he was. So I expressed our very strong fear that before long we or our electrician will not be able to get up to the repeater to work on it and we'll be shut down until the spring/summer of 2025. He said he understands and that he has to hear from Mandy that our application is complete and we are likely to be approved.

So then I called Mandy at the Forest Service. She said that she thought we had given her everything she needs. I expressed my fear that we would be shut down until next spring/summer. She said she understands and she said as soon as she got off the phone with me she would setup a meeting with her boss to pass it on to him. I'll call again next week to see if anything has happened.

Rodney reported that the new DES Director is Lisa Carey. He knows her. Jack Hook found the contact information:

Lisa Carey

Title: Director – Office of Emergency Management

Phone: (406) 497-6295

Email: lcarey@bsb.mt.gov

The following must still be done:

1. Transfer the title of the trailer from Butte Amateur Radio Club to Butte Radio Club:
 - a. Find the title – Steve to look in old club room.

2. Fundraising: **We must all help but we need someone to lead.** (If we don't do this one thing, there was really no reason for us to have gone to all this work.) Gene asked to be listed for this task – also he will work with Tom to set up e-commerce page on website.
3. **File for the 1023EZ by August 4, 2026.** We may 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.

New Business:

Any other business for the good of the order:

Erik asked about front loading the treasury by paying for four years to purchase five years of membership. Steve said he would have to review what the bylaws say.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion Made: Rodney Pewitt

Seconded: Erik Bodenberger