

Minutes of the Butte Radio Club – November 2, 2024

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:45 AM

In Attendance:

Cliff Gade (N7ATM) Presiding, Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO) Vice-President, Jack Hook (KK7IZN) Treasurer, Rob Sisson (KE7IYU) Trustee, Rodney Pewitt (K7TRG) Trustee, Ed Bodenberger (W7ARO), Jerry McDonald (W7FVB), Erik Bodenberger (KA7JMH), Rick DuPrey (KD0TSC), Verne Brown (KK6DIO), Steve Shannon (AI7KS) Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Jack Hook, Treasurer, reported that at the beginning of the month of October BRC had \$498.08 in the treasury. During the month he deposited donations totaling \$90, mostly from the jar at Annie's Café, which grew our balance to \$588.08.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:

Motion Made: Gene Bodenberger

Seconded: Erik Bodenberger

Vote Passed

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Reading of the Minutes:

Steve Shannon read the minutes from the October 5, 2024 meeting.

Any Corrections? There were no corrections noted.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Motion Made: Erik Bodenberger

Seconded: Gene Bodenberger

Vote Passed

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Old Business:

Insurance

Just a reminder that the old insurance policy for Butte Amateur Radio Club **still** needs to be cancelled. It won't get us much of a refund now, but it might be \$20 or so.

Repeater

Steve discussed the diagram from Mandy Child showing where the BRC repeater closet was. Mandy didn't know we had our repeaters in that room. Once Steve explained it to her it made better sense.

The following must still be done:

1. Transfer the title of the trailer from Butte Amateur Radio Club to Butte Radio Club:
Steve to look in the old hospital for the title.
2. Fundraising: **Gene has ideas for fundraising. The jar at Annie's seems to be working well. Once we are formally recognized as a 501(c)(3) this may be easier, but we still need someone actively working at this.**
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.

Motion to dissolve BARC so Gene can take a copy of the minutes to the bank and transfer the money from the BARC account to the BRC account.

Motion Made: Gene Bodenberger

Seconded: Jack Hook

Vote Passed unanimously, but Steve mentioned that it should have been in one of the old BARC minutes. Steve to look and see.

New Business:

Annual Meeting – Ed Bodenberger made a motion for December 7, 2024 to be our Annual Meeting this year and to re-nominate the current officers and directors for 2025 as follows.

President – Cliff Gade, N7ATM

Vice-President – Gene Bodenberger, N7ARO

Treasurer – Jack Hook, KK7IZN

Secretary – Steve Shannon, AI7KS

Trustee/Director – Rob Sisson, KE7IYU

Trustee/Director – Rodney Pewitt, N7TRG

Director – James Burk, KG7OMB

Motion Made: Ed Bodenberger

Seconded: Erik Bodenberger

Vote Passed

For: Unanimous

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

[Any other business for the good of the order:](#)

Motion to Form Ad Hoc Committee to explore Outreach Activities

Motion Made: Steve Shannon

Seconded: Rick DuPrey

Vote Passed

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Cliff Gade appointed Rick DuPrey as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to explore Outreach Activities

Motion to Form Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee

Motion Made: Rick DuPrey

Seconded: Gene Bodenberger

Vote Passed

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Cliff Gade appointed Gene Bodenberger to chair the Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee.

ARRL Affiliation

Gene Bodenberger asked about whether the members had strong opinions regarding whether our club should be affiliated with the ARRL.

Steve Shannon mentioned that he thought there were some benefits, such as the possibility of discounted club insurance, and the fact that when he has needed help getting the Trustee Licenses reassigned or updated, ARRL has provided that help for free.

Steve was asked to put together a list of the requirements and benefits of ARRL affiliation.

Website Lack of Progress

Jack reminded us that the website is still not anything useful. We have two different websites: W7FO.org, which maybe James has the password to maintain and ButteRadioClub.org, which Steve established, but left in an undeveloped state.

Tom Hoffman has developed the HTML to serve as our website, but doesn't have the ability to load on either of the above domains.

Jack suggested Steve to get with Tom Hoffman to get it going.

Also, either Steve or Rodney to get the BARC logo to Gene for updating to a new BRC logo by replacing the tube diagram with a MOSFET schematic symbol (one suggestion). Steve has a historic sketch of the logo. Rodney thought that vector artwork was provided to Paul Thomas at Thomas Clothing to get the BARC coats made. Someone to check with Paul to see if he has a copy.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion Made: Ed Bodenberger

Seconded: Gene Bodenberger