

W0BLK
BLACK HILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

3288 Sandstone Lane
Rapid City, SD 57701-5388

Call to Order: The BHARC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on 11 November 2020 by President Ryan Lindblom. The meeting was held online via GoToMeeting due to the weather and the pandemic.

The following attended the online meeting:

Ryan Lindblom KE0LXT
Betty Smith KA7PJQ
Andy Pattantyus KF0ARA
Mike Moore KE0QIB
Don Kendall N1NOX
Larry Brock N0LRB (alias for KF0AFX)
Mike Kayton K0TPV
Chris Jaques KD0RAS
Lee Boyles K0LBG
Bill Kipping KE7KK
Mike Key K0MKD
Beverly Gabriel KE4AYH
Martin Kocanda WV9M
David (from IN) recent back surgery
Robert Hughes

Treasurer's Report: Chris Jaque provided the treasurer's report: \$4704.50 in regular checking, \$5846.45 in organizational checking, \$35`.84 in wireless association. In our 60 month CD is \$8722.39 which matures in 2022. Betty Smith made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; none opposed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last month's meeting were sent out to the club members prior to this meeting. Mike Moore made a motion that the meeting minutes be approved as written; none opposed.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Engineering/Technical Committee: Mike Moore, chairperson, reports. Bear Mountain is set; UHF and 6M planned. There's still an issue on the 94. There was a survey on Digital. 24 responded to the survey: 17 were for digital; 7 against. 6 have

hot spots, 18 do not. 22 were willing to donate. Modes: 45% DMR; 32% D-star; Fusion last. Next step is to put together some pricing; DMR probably cheapest, then seek donations to support. DMR looks the most cost effective; consider Bridgecom.

Public Relations and Recruitment Committee: Betty Smith, chairperson, reports that there were four people from testing that provided us emails on Saturday. Don Kendall put together a notification regarding ham radio classes and he's distributed them to Douglas HS and the middle school. His plan is to put up slides from ARRL with the next class being online and each student can look at them at their own speed. There have been 4 to 5 Elmers that volunteered. Terry Fuller's grandkids would like to participate in the class. We may need to add it to Facebook and to the website. The next testing session is usually in February with the auction. It was appreciated that our new member, Mike Key helped out on Saturday with the testing. Chris Jaques reports that we have 6 new technicians; 1 also got General, and 1 got Extra. Neal Hodges is our contact at the SDSM&T. Our club's focus is to reach out locally. Don Kendall recommends that once a week, that the Elmer's have a meeting.

Activities Committee: Discussion needs to be made about Field Day. Ryan Lindblom is inviting folks for Summits on the Air, maybe sometime in May. Betty Smith brought up Skywarn Recognition Day. Ryan Lindblom reports that the church has been reserved for the auction.

Old Business:

1. Norb Sichterman is requesting that the club invest in a power strip. He is willing to install it.
2. Chris Jaques discussed the minor changes with the webpage. A sign up has been added for an email that links to that.

New Business:

1. It was discussed today to have a Paypal account set up to receive payments from students. Buttons can be added for donations, dues payments, etc. The club will still accept checks and continue to have them sent to Gary Peterson's account. Chris Jaques states so far, 21 people have paid dues. Betty Smith makes a motion to approve creating a Paypal account for the club; none opposed.
2. Don Kendall discusses how to get the books out to the students. Ryan Lindblom recommends personal delivery.
3. As the club has done in the past, there will be no meeting in December.

4. Ryan Lindblom states that the meeting minutes as well as all club emails will be sent out to W0BLK@groups.io. To subscribe to the groups.io email, send an email to W0BLK+subscribe@groups.io.
5. We have a new ham at our online meeting. Mike Kayton N0TPV introduced himself. He moved into the area in June. He lives between Spearfish and Deadwood; from Norfolk, NE.

Adjourn: Andy Pattantys made a motion to adjourn the meeting; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 am.

BETTY M. SMITH, KA7PJQ
BHARC, Secretary