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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 19 February 2021 by President Ryan Lindblom. The monthly meeting continues to be held online via GoToMeeting due to the pandemic.

The following attended the online meeting:

Ryan Lindblom KE0LXT
Betty Rush KA7PJQ
Andy Pattantus KF0ARA
James Woods N0NAC
Don Kendall N1NOX
Chris Stallkamp KI0D
John Murphy AJ0GM
Mike Moore KE0QIB
Donald Darcy Jr. WK2RP
Lee Boyles K0LGB
Gene McPherson N0MHJ
Mike Key K0MDK
Gary Anderson KF5XW
Jay Evenson KE0VQS
Robert Hughes K0DPV
Terry Fuller AD0HL
Eric Neumann N4QFD
Michael Marion KB5UMK
Chris Jaques KD0RAS
Tom Fontaine KE0EYN
Wayne Ebbers W0WKE
Larry Brock N0LRB (alias for NF0AFX)
Beverly Gabriel KE4AYH

Treasurer's Report: Chris Jaques provided the treasurer's report: The club currently has \$4705.10 in regular share account; \$5993.36 in organizational checking; \$8768.25 in our 60 month CD; \$351.90 in the wireless account. There was a total of \$201.78 in PayPal to our bank account. There are two outstanding checks to the SDSM&T. Chris Jaques also reports that the club has 44 paid members. Andy Pattantus made a move to approve the treasurer's report; none opposed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last meeting was sent out to the club members prior to this meeting. Andy Pattantus made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; none opposed.

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Technical Committee: Mike Moore reported there was no committee meeting this month. Bob Henrickson and Mike Moore did a test of D-Star. This committee has been working on Echo Link. Mike Moore states he appreciated the good recommendations on groups.io and would like this feedback to continue.

Public Relations and Recruitment Committee: Betty Rush updated the club members regarding this committee. The committee had a meeting on 23 January 2021 via GoToMeeting: Don Kendall, Beverly Gabriel, and Betty Rush were in attendance.

1. Schools: Betty Rush contacted the Rapid City Public School Administration Office to get our club flyer posted on the schools. This has been accomplished via their Virtual Back Pack. The class flyer has been forwarded to Neal Hodges to contact the SDSM&T. Betty Rush contacted Western Dakota Tech and they will get the flyer out.
2. Ellsworth AFB: Betty also contacted Valerie in Marketing at Ellsworth AFB regarding getting our flyer on base. Valerie said that they can't advertise for free.
3. Betty Rush volunteered to deliver the books for class if anyone needed that done
4. Technician class: Don Kendall reports that the class is up and running and will run until 30 March. He recommends that we extend the date. Don Darcy states that if the club needs another VE, he is volunteering for this. Ryan Lindblom is offering that if anyone needs one on one for the class, he is volunteering to do this. Don Darcy states that he has a powerpoint for beyond the technician class.
5. Don Kendall reported that the Boy Scouts have a Radio Merit Badge and it would be a great idea to get involved with that. Lee Boyles states that he has the Boy Scout books. Terry Fuller reports that he will be in touch with the scouts for the merit badge. Betty Rush also recommended that the club get involved in Jamboree on the Air. Don Kendall states that Dustin Willett has been involved with the Boy Scouts as well.

Activities Committee: Terry Fuller provided an update on the events.

1. Terry Fuller states that the club had several participants in Field Day.
2. Feb Swap Meet - if we have enough for an auction, we can do it this summer.
3. Terry Fuller informed the club of the VHF/UHF QSO Party on 24 April. Andy Pattantus offered to look over the rules and make modifications. Last year, the QSO party was a success. Let Terry Fuller know if you are planning on participating.
4. Field Day: will probably have it in June. Let Terry Fuller know if anyone is planning on participating.
5. Summits on the Air will be held on the weekend of 4 July, Saturday and Sunday. The club had people come from out of state. If we can get more involved, we can make more contacts. Mike Moore reports that we put something together to explain Summits on the Air better as there is a problem with the website. He states that it's not intuitive to him.

Old Business:

1. Ryan Lindblom states that the Black Hills 200 Race is coming up and he usually hears from them by the end of March. Terry Fuller is going to find out about that as well as the Back 40 Race.
2. Ryan Lindblom is recommending to skip the Spring Auction and just do the Tailgate.
3. Chris Jaques states that the PayPal account is a non-profit account. He received 8 dues payments. Members may email Chris Jaques if there are any questions.

New Business:

1. Gene McPherson states that he finished his hex beam antenna in FL and he's getting out with 100 watts.
2. Membership applications received:
 - A. Don Darcy: Extra Class, licensed in NY. He is a registered instructor. Don Kendall made a motion to approve Don Darcy's membership application; none opposed.
 - B. Eric Neumann N4QFD: licensed in Knoxville, TN; he is interested in ARES. Andy Pattantus made a motion to approve Eric Neumann's membership application; none opposed.
 - C. Steve Hohman: Ryan Lindblom has met with him prior. Steve Hohman is also a VE. Don Kendall made a motion to approve Steve Hohman's membership application; none opposed.
 - D. Robert Hughes: He just received his Technician Class and is working on the General. Beverly Gabriel made a motion to approve Robert Hughes membership application; none opposed.
3. Chris Stallkamp gave an ARRL update. BHARC has been a club for 84 years and is the third oldest ham radio club in South Dakota. He is recommending remote VE sessions. The issue is that people need to be pretty computer savvy. ARRL is looking for a Public Informations Officer. Notify Chris at K10D@arrl.org if you are interested.
4. John Murphy states that he's been working on the 80m net most every evening.
5. Gary Anderson reports that on 27Feb, there is a Virtual Ham Event. \$10 to register.

Adjourn: Andy Pattantus made a motion to adjourn the meeting; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

BETTY M. RUSH, KA7PJQ
BHARC, Secretary

