

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 17 November 2023 by President Andy Pattantus KF0ARA. The meeting was held at the South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City, SD.

The following attended the meeting in-person:

Gary Peterson K0CX
Jeffrey Helgerson K0HF
Nathan Purdy KF0FLB
Andy Pattantus KF0ARA
Dave Stone
Chris Stone
Jim Woods N0NAC
Jim Faline K0UPR
David Minnick N9FI
Don Kendall N1NOX
Eric Neuman N4QFD
Daniel Cerman KF0EUG
Mike Key K0MDK0
Chris Stollkemp KI0D
Mike Moore KE0QIB
Brad Bradfield K0FB
Betty Rush KA7PJQ
Roy Berke WA7TRR
Janet Schmidt KF0MUX
Matt Gibbs KF0JLK
Terry Fuller AD0HL
Jay Evenson KE0VQS
Chris Jaques KD0RAS
Delbert Long KD0AYN
Ryan Lindblom KE0LXT

Introductions - Each person introduces themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Jacques KD0RAS provides report

Current Balances:

Regular Share: Unknown at this time (Secretary cannot recall the figure)

Checking: \$1579.77

14 Month CD: \$17,637.93

QCWA: \$355.98 Matures in January.

Questions exist regarding electric bill paid to SDSMT for electricity at the Club house. Email and phone do not work, personal visit must be made.

Secretary's Report: Nathan Purdy, KF0FLB sent the minutes from the September Meeting to the club members prior to this meeting.

Mike Key K0MDK0 Moved, Ryan Lindblom KE0LXT second. Unanimous vote to accept report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Technical Committee: Nothing to report

Activities Committee: Betty Rush KA7PQ is seeking input for desired programs. Skywarn activity slated for April. Terry Fuller AD0HL noted: Winter Field day Jan 27/27, 2024. Feb 17, 2024 auction. First four months of 2024 have been scheduled with activities.

Public Relations and Recruitment Committee: Chris Jaques KD0RAS: Very good testing session, most people who attended class achieved/upgraded a license.

Old Business: Mike Moore KE0QIB: Bear Mountain was examined and we should be able to move forward on that site.

New Business: Mike Moore KE0QIB: We are looking to have an open test session to prepare for the exam. Chris Stollkemp KI0D: Those sessions, to be sanctioned by ARRL, should run following a tailgate session (auction). The date is TBD.

Chris Jaques KD0RAS: We should look into a new CD for the club as 5% seems achievable. Ryan Lindblom KE0LXT motions for 15k to be put into the max interest CD at the best rate at the discretion of the Club Treasurer. Mike Moore KE0QIB Seconds. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion carries.

New Member Applications: None

Delbert Long KD0AYN: There has been an effort to fill in people to run programs and improve attendance. A search online showed that improving the website to cater to non-members/new users. Chris Stone noted that he used the web site for W0BLK, and both the email and phone number are not working as they should. Online search also refers to a facebook page for W0BLK, but it seems outdated. Chris Jacques KD0RAS noted that he provides the technical support for the Web Site.

Delbert continued: What people want is EVENTS, to be involved in the community. Hands-on activities are best. Also, to gather interest in the club, we should do the business meeting at the end of the gathering. New people want to know the club is active and advancing the hobby.

Chris Stollkemp KI0D: This topic of how to improve a ham radio club was a front page on QRZ.com for quite a while. Should still be able to search for it. (Secretary's addendum:

<http://arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Tips%20and%20Tonics%20for%20Healthier%20Radio%20Clubs.pdf>)

Delbert continued: Hands on experience can include using a cell phone to carry out a fox hunt activity. Draw resources from other clubs to learn from people who have done something different with the hobby.

Ryan Lindblom KE0LXT motions to adjourn, Delbert Long KD0AYN seconds. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Nathan Purdy, KF0FLB BHARC, Secretary

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