

**WOBLK**  
**BLACK HILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**

3288 Sandstone Lane  
Rapid City, SD 57701-5388

18 Aug 2017

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on 18 Aug 2017 by Don (K0DAJ) at the EE/Physics Building on the campus of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. There were 17 members present and signed in.

**Introductions:** All

**Secretary's Report:** Don (N1NOX) is absent; Don (K0DAJ) read July's meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ed (KD0NJK) and a second was made by Mike (KA0) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty (KA7PJQ) presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Ed (KD0NJK) and a second was made by Lee (K0LGB). The motion was passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Dustin discussed the annual meeting of SDEM at Deadwood.
2. Harry and Llee worked on the Bear Mountain repeater.
3. Harry is waiting for the remote to get to the clubhouse.
4. Bob (W0RE) and Dustin (W2EMA) discussed the ARES meeting on Monday, good turnout with 11-12 people.
5. Event reports:
  - a. Back 40: Harry (WA0MFZ) reported that this is our 5<sup>th</sup> year of participation. This is the first time the Back 40 gave money out. BHARC was given a \$1500.00 check to be used for repeater expenses. The venue site was challenging. The hams were available for emergencies and it was a chance to interact with Search and Rescue.
  - b. ARES – The last meeting met at Home Slice and it was a nice location. The hams were able to play with power pole connectors/power poles. Wayne brought in a set of cables for the power box. It was a nice set up; good education.
  - c. Emergency Preparedness Fair: Bob (W0RE) discussed this Main Street Square event on 10 Sep 2017. It was recommended that there be three or four hams at a time instead of having so many operators there at once.
  - d. AUXCOMM training: Dustin (W2EMA) discussed the training to be held on 10-12 Oct 2017. Pre-registration is required; there is a link on our website to complete this. The ham needs to complete the FEMA courses 100, 200, 700, and 800 prior to the AUXCOMM class and the certificates of completion need to be given to Dustin.
  - e. Simulated Emergency Test: Bob (W0RE) discusses that this is state-wide test on 7 Oct 2017. There will be a high altitude burst to take down the power. Part of the test is how long it will take to get it back up and running.
  - f. Horse Creek Camp: Bob (W0RE) reported on this event. It was a beautiful spot and everyone had a great time. Mike did the activation south of Fort Meade Army 1.
  - g. Summits on the Air: Don (K0DAJ) gave the update on this. Don and Ken (KJAR) worked Custer Peak; they could've used 4WD. They set up the portable dipole on air 1 ½. They were able to contact a man from Spain. 20M would be great and then it would shut down. Sunday, they went north of Rochford. Don has 101 points now. Ken (W0SEB) was trying to make contacts with WY/CO. 20M was getting out to MI and MN. Bob (KF0AM) mentioned that 40M is better. Ken has been doing well making contacts on CW.
6. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Eclipse – We will be going to Harrison, NE and will stay at the Firestation. Bring a cot; breakfast will be offered on Monday morning. There is a map on the Event page on the website.
  - b. Emergency Preparedness Event 10 Sep 2017.

- c. BHARC Annual Meeting 10 Sep 2017 will be held at the south side Pizza Ranch on Stumer Road. It will be from 4:30 to 7:00 with a meeting afterwards.
- d. Veterans March 23 Sep 2017: Don (KODAJ) relays information from Mike (KD0ZIP). The National Guard is putting it on Rochford to Deadwood. They require radios at three trailheads. It should be an easy event. POC: Don (KODAJ)
- e. Don (KODAJ) wants to do a club event for Summits on the Air Day 30 Sep 2017. You get 2 – 3 points to activate; contact chaser points; summit – summit.
- f. ARES training 10-12 Oct 2017: One instructor from Hawaii. The pre-requisite courses are through FEMA website 100, 200, 700, 800 and Dustin needs hard copies for proof of completion. You will need to bring a copy of your amateur radio license.
- g. Jamboree on the Air: Will be in October. Anyone interested: POC: Dustin (W2EMA).

**New Business:**

- 1. Discussion regarding the \$1500.00 check. Terry Peak and Bear Mountain repeaters require major work; feedlines, antennas, batteries. There are no backup batteries on Bear Mountain. RC repeater belongs to the Northern Hills Club, they replaced it, and the repeater needs to be worked on first. Harry ((WA0MFZ) and Lee ((K0LGB) as part of the Technical Committee will plan on getting together to itemize and prioritize the list. Harry mentioned that they could use the \$1500.00 on Terry Peak and Bear Mountain alone. A motion was made by Brad (K0FB) and a second by Gene (N0UHJ) to approve the fixing of the repeaters, also how much money is really needed to fix them. The motion passed.
- 2. Don (KODAJ) discussed the updating of the club's bylaws. The club can change the annual club dues. It was recommended that the dues be increased by \$5.00; which will be \$25 for single and \$35 for families. A motion was made by Gene (N0UHJ) and a second by Dave (AF0DJ) to approve the \$5 increase for annual club dues. The motion passed.

**Informational:**

- 1. The club officers met in July and discussed bylaw changes. Don (KODAJ) didn't hear back from the Board members. The recommended changes were to modernize the language. For example, instead of notifying members by mail, it was recommended to add informing them electronically as well. Additionally, the bylaws state the board meet once a year by the end of September; it is recommended to change this to October.
- 2. For the Board of Directors, Lee (K0LGB) and Harry's (WA0MFZ) position are opening up this year. Don (N1NOX) is stepping down as secretary. Betty (KA7PJQ) would like to run for Secretary; Dustin (W2EMA) would like to run for Treasurer. Harry (WA0MFZ) and Bob (W0RE) would like to run for the Board.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Brad (K0FB) and a second by Rich (W0COV) to adjourn. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

**Program/Presenter:** Bob (W0RE) discussed the upcoming Eclipse trip to Harrison, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty M. Smith*  
 Betty M. Smith, KA7PJQ  
 Acting Secretary

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT AND SIGNED IN:**

KODAJ KA7PJQ W0RE K0LGR KB0WCE AF0DJ KE0EYN KA0SFV WU9M WA0MFZ KE0EYO  
 KFOAM W0COV KDONJK W2EMA K0FB NOMHJ