

Minutes of VOI Board meeting held 04/04/2018 at Boise Public Library building located at Cole and Ustick, Boise, Idaho. President Doug Rich presiding.

Seven members attended: Rich, Wilmoth, Blanchard, Spencer, Oswald, Stokes, Overton; Bickham and Baca excused.

1. President Rich apologized for offending those who have registered recent complaints and emphasized that a major objective of the club is to establish/re-establish operation of the repeater sites at Cinnabar and Shafer.
2. The required 299 forms have been signed and submitted and we are awaiting responses from BLM and USFS.
3. Mike Cooper has resigned as Technical Director and Andrew Spencer has agreed to serve as the interim T.C. Per Article IV.g of the constitution, a newly appointed tech director must be ratified by the club members. Andrew requested that a vote be called at the April 11 member's meeting before he engages fully. He believes that if he does not have the majority support of the membership in attendance it would not be acceptable for him to proceed. Tom recommended that the Board develop a list of possible candidates.
4. Government agencies require a single point of contact (SPOC) and those have been assigned. Since the resignation of Mike Cooper, Andrew Spencer has agreed to serve as the interim SPOC for the Shafer site. If ratified by the membership, he is willing to choose the SPOC subject to board approval. Don Lynn has been appointed as SPOC for BLM at Cinnabar.
5. Status of the Shafer location is still pending. Andrew will make this the immediate goal of the Tech Committee. At this point, it seems highly probable that the landlord at the site will require VOI to move out of the Shafer site sometime this summer.
6. Tom Oswald recommended that appointment of SPOC individuals should come from the Board rather than from the President in keeping with the Bylaws of the organization. No dissent was noted at the time of his recommendation. Don Lynn commented by email: *I want to add a couple of comments related to the SPOC for clarification.*

*The authority of action comes from the position one holds, e.g. Technical Director, not the tasks that a "SPOC" requires. In other words, "SPOC" is a functional layer or specific job duties or tasks that must be performed, not a title. "SPOC" is the term that BLM specifically used and was in place prior to the recent resolution.*

*Thus, you are not making an appointment of a title but simply assigning job duties. In this case, it isn't a BoD appointment of position. There are "SPOCs" in place throughout our organization - we just don't call them as such, i.e. you have a membership problem or question, contact the Membership Director.*

*It was a requested requirement of an agency - much like, fill out the form, have a SPOC in place, and get your checkbook ready.*

*We had a past Director, though well intended, that did not follow this request and caused many significant problems so the President clarified expectations for the BoD and membership. First, be aware that there is a format error in our posted Constitution - dealing with duties of the President - Article IV f & G: "Board of Directors" is the last words of section "f" and not a header for section "g".*

*As you saw from my last Constitution project status - the issue is not just Tech Director. It is with all our Standing Committees - both chair and **members**.*

*Not all VOI committees are standing committees and thus are not subject to ratification.*

*After I sent my status, I passed on some additional information to Doug - There is another issue here that needs to be addressed.*

*One cannot hold two elected offices and or BoD positions - Article IV: Section 8b. However, Board members can oversee the duties of vacant positions until they are filled.*

*As an elected director, Andrew can oversee Tech Director duties / responsibilities on an interim basis. However, to be ratified as such and thus becoming the Technical Director, he would have to resign his current position. It is one or the other.*

*If Andrew is overseeing this only on an interim basis while the President is looking for a replacement, with advice and consent from the board ....only an announcement (referring to the minutes) of the interim solution by the BoD, and a call for interested parties to contact the president /BoD would seem to suffice.*

*You could ask for a show of confidence with no problem.*

*But if you want it to be binding or official, a quorum would have to be determined first before conducting club business.*

7. Curtis stated that as Communications Director he will not use the email blast list for conveying information unless approved by the Board. There has also been a problem with the email system omitting some Board members from critical information.
8. Tom reminded members of the antenna build project on April 14 at RJM in Boise. Curtis will include this information in the next blast as well as the Fox Hunt at RJM on April 28.
9. It was agreed to hold a supplementary Board meeting on April 18 at 7:30 pm, limited to one hour, to discuss ongoing issues with the Tech Committee, budget, and site development. Meeting to be held at Cobby's on Chinden in Garden City. Secretary contacted Cobby's to reserve room.
10. Stephen Blanchard recommended we start fundraising immediately to pay for installing/maintaining repeaters, no matter what happens to the existing sites.
11. Doug warned about raising funds for specific sites without those sites being formally approved by all concerned. This to avoid accusations of misuse of funds.
12. It was agreed by all that fundraising is a critical issue and that we need to be self-supporting. It has been reported that other clubs around the state are losing sites because of government action.
13. Doug will make the announcement at the next member's meeting concerning the Tech Committee replacements and that we may have to replace the Shafer site this summer.
14. Gordon Wilmoth, as Vice President, will raffle a \$100 certificate from DX. He is in favor of pursuing fund raising activities for new equipment. He also has compiled the results of recent member surveys and will present at next member's meeting.
15. Speaker at the April member's meeting was be Dr. Paul Verhage and the subject was be high-altitude balloons.
16. Tom reported on membership statistics and noted that he will track those members who come in new through the VE program so we can track if they are renewed for the next year.
17. Gordon requested that we immediately procure coax for the upcoming field day.
18. The question of a current inventory of club-owned equipment was raised. Andrew agreed to find the most recent inventory list.

19. Secretary was tasked with asking individuals to define realistic time lines for action items and projects and to remind individuals of approaching time line goals. An audit is in progress and Tony will be contacted for status and time line.
20. Doug agreed to work with Go-Daddy Company to try to resolve email issues.