

Minutes of VOI Board meeting held 03/07/2018 at Boise Public Library building located at Cole and Ustick, Boise, Idaho. President Doug Rich was presiding. (Items highlighted are to serve as reminders).

1. Gordon Wilmoth noted that he had arranged for the April board meeting to be held at this same location, but in the Bitterbrush Room, and that it is the **Secretary's responsibility to arrange the meeting room for May and following dates**. Meeting time, date and location is to be posted on the website.
2. Mike Cooper reported that a training class was led on this date featuring Dennis Baker on repair and maintenance of repeater controller equipment. There will be two more days of training on how to program repeaters.
3. Discussion on how to speed up meetings; everyone should submit reports and items for discussion ahead of the meeting by a couple of days. Submit to president Rich or send to board yourself.
4. Non-board members attending board meetings are to hold questions until the end of the general meeting.
5. Board members voted to approve the consent budget.
6. Curtis Stoaks (Communications) reported that he has corrected problems with the Mail Chimp account. The ISC has an account also and will use the ISC website for posting upcoming activities.
7. The club will possibly hold a fox hunt at the RJM swap meet at the end of April.
8. Don Lynn reported on activities of the election committee plus progress on revising the constitution and by-laws. They are looking at a review of what now exists. **Gordon will send a status report by the end of April.**
9. Tony Baca (Treasurer) reported on the budget and submitted a written report. A question arose on the budget source of money for the repeater link controller training which led to. . .
10. Discussion of having two budgets: Tech and V.P. budgets.
11. Discussion: how can the club increase income. Several suggestions were made to include charging for badges, increased emphasis on membership renewal, and selling space on the website for advertisement.
12. Verbal report presented on the success of the internet connection at the Shafer site through Wireless Internet Connections Company.
13. Discussion on using the website to express gratitude for donations. This was tabled until the next board meeting.
14. RLC repairs went well in preparation for training on March 8 & 9.
15. Gordon requested input on topics for presentation based on the topics list he has sent to membership. Members were asked to write down ideas and submit to Gordon.
16. Gordon presented a request from HPBARC to join with VOI members for an antenna build using the materials that HPBARC has on hand. Date and time to be decided upon later.
17. Discussion about updating Quick Books software. No definite cost figure yet. **Tony will investigate and present for an approval vote at next board meeting.**
18. ACTION ITEMS. The **secretary was tasked** to develop a tickler file to bug members of the board to perform the specific tasks assigned to them. No enforcement punishment was discussed, however.
19. Discussion: more signatories are need for the bank account. **Reminder to be sent to Tony and Doug.**

20. Next member's general meeting will feature presentations by Jim Fordmwalt and John Kernkamp.
21. Discussion: working groups to develop special projects in lieu of ISC; possibly with BSU on antennas on weather station balloons, antenna builds, etc. ideas should be submitted to Don Lynn. This should also include other activities and funding sources.
22. Elmer project. Discussion on creating a revised list of individual members with expertise in specific areas to assist those having problems with equipment, etc. **Remind Doug to have this by next board meeting.**
23. Archives: club secretary to be placed in charge of archival records. **Secretary will request donations from general membership of documents, photos, and other materials throughout any time of club history.** This request will be sent out by Curtis with the newsletter. It was agreed that paper document archival storage is preferred as there are frequent changes in electronic media consistencies.
24. Andrew Spencer reported that the Thursday night NCS assignments have been scheduled through the end of April.
25. Tom Oswald (Membership) submitted report on membership numbers and history. This year, an incentive for members to renew early has been to provide a free badge if dues paid by Jan 31. Discussion on having a special prize drawing at general meetings for those actually wearing or possessing their badge at the meeting.
26. Mike Cooper (Technical) has emailed to the BOD a preliminary budget for repeaters concerned with expenses, frequency coordination, etc. The Cinnabar BLM site situation has changed as the previous employees have moved on. Mike, through a roundabout route, was able to find and emailed a Mr. Gardner (currently in charge) who responded that he has no permit application on file for the VOI so we will have to start over. The new application is 75% completed and he is working on establishing a pre-application meeting. Mike suggested that the club might be better off to develop a commercial site on Shafer. Don Lynn questioned if there are other options. Mike noted that the antenna height needed at Shafer is not needed at Cinnabar. **Mike will update repeater information on the website, including removing the reference to the Cinnabar repeater to be completed in 2017.**
27. Tim Rynearson (Public Affairs) reported that the roster for the Boat Races April 15-16 has been filled.
28. Audits are underway and expected to be completed by end of March.
29. Steve Blanchard (SR. Director) reported on various ideas for fund raising. Doug suggested the efforts would need to have a spot defined for financing repeaters.
30. Meeting was closed at 8:50 pm.