

# Minutes of the Butte Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Date: November 1, 2025

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:30 AM

**In Attendance:** Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO), Rob Sisson (KE7IYU), Verne Brown (KK6DIO), Jack Hook (KK7IZN), Rodney Pewitt (N7TRG), Rick Duprey (KD0TSC), Erik Bodenberger (KA7JMH), Tom Hoffman (KZ7T), and Steve Shannon (AI7KS).

**Treasurer's Report:** At the beginning of October the treasury held \$2358.50. The club received \$50 in dues (new member Vern Kiburn paid for two years membership), \$110 in donations (Vern Kiburn donated \$10 and Erik Bodenberger donated \$100), and had \$2000 in expenditures (partially compensated Steve Shannon for ordering and receiving the repeater on his credit card). At the end of October the club had a balance of \$518.50.

## **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:**

**Motion Made:** Steve Shannon

**Seconded:** Rodney Pewitt

### **Vote**

**Aye:** Unanimous

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Steve read the minutes of the October meeting.

**Any Corrections?** No corrections were made.

## **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting with noted corrections**

**Motion Made:** Gene Bodenberger

**Seconded:** Rick Duprey

### **Vote**

**Aye:** Unanimous

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

## Old Business

Steve applied for a \$2000 grant from Butte-Silver Bow Community Foundation on October 30.

### Registered Agent

Because Cliff has not responded to our attempts to contact him, Steve will make a recommendation based on the list of Registered Agents listed with the Secretary of State for Montana. When we file our annual report with the Secretary of State we will make the change.

### Replacement 2 Meter Repeater

James recommended the Hytera repeater HR-1062. At Annie's café on October 11, the members in attendance voted by voice to approve ordering the repeater. Steve put it on his credit card and ordered it that same day. It has arrived. Steve did preliminary programming and packed it up to take to James Burk's place. James tuned two different duplexers to try with it and has set it up as a repeater on 146.68/146.08. This will allow us to test it and shake out any unknown issues before we take it to the site on Red Mountain after the snow is gone.

Steve will contact the Frequency Coordinator to determine whether we need to do anything to keep the repeater on the air on 146.68.

### Repeater Site Improvements

At breakfast on September 20<sup>th</sup> we voted on a motion made by James Burk and seconded by Jack Hook to approve funding for the RigRunner at \$549, plus shipping and incidentals plus a DTMF relay. The motion was approved by the nine members in attendance: Gene Bodenberger, Eric Bodenberger, Don Steinbach, Rodney Pewitt, Rick Duprey, Jack Hook, Steve Shannon, Jerry McDonald, and Verne Brown.

Other improvements James would like to make are:

- Rigrunner – backordered by Steve Shannon
- New repeater, ordered and received by Steve. Staged by James.
- Harbor Freight shelving unit, (James has a shelving unit he will donate.)
- Network router with Power over Ethernet (James will research).
- Next year James will work on improving the auto-patch. Currently inbound works but outbound does not.

## New Business

The Butte Radio Club will hold its Annual Meeting on December 6 in conjunction with its December monthly meeting. Officers and Directors will be elected at that meeting. Please send nominations to

Steve Shannon ([steven\\_m\\_shannon@msn.com](mailto:steven_m_shannon@msn.com)) for inclusion on the ballot. In order to be nominated for a director a person must be a full member and 18 years of age or older. The following positions require nominations:

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three directors.

Currently the positions are filled as follows:

President: Cliff Gade

Vice President: Gene Bodenberger

Treasurer: Jack Hook

Secretary: Steve Shannon

Director: James Burk

Director: Rodney Pewitt

Director: Rob Sisson

At the November meeting the following nominations were made and agreed to by the nominees:

Gene Bodenberger – President

James Burk – Vice President

Jack Hook – Treasurer

Steve Shannon – Secretary

Tom Hoffman – Director

Rodney Pewitt – Director

Rob Sisson – Director

Jerry McDonald – Director

Steve will prepare a ballot with the names listed above.

[Any other business for the good of the order:](#)

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion Made:** Rodney Pewitt

**Seconded:** Steve Shannon