

Minutes of the Butte Radio Club Annual Meeting

Date: December 6, 2025

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:30 AM

In Attendance:

Rob Sisson (KE7IYU), Erik Bodenberger (KA7JMH), Rodney Pewitt (N7TRG), Tom Hoffman (KZ7T), Rick DuPrey (KDOTSC), Jack Hook (KK7IZN), James Burk (KG7OMB), Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO), Jerry McDonald (W7FVB), and Steve Shannon (AI7KS).

Treasurer's Report:

We started the November with \$518.50.

Cash flow for the club during November:

- Jerry McDonald paid \$25 in dues for 2026.
- We received a \$2,000 grant from the Butte-Silver Bow Community Foundation which was recorded as a donation. There was a comment that this grant was possible because we have an official designation and IRS Letter recognizing us as a 501(c)(3) and that the members of the club, by selflessly contributing time and money to the on-going repeater replacement project make us more attractive as a recipient of grants. Good job club members!
- James Burk bought some radio equipment from Gene Bodenberger and Gene donated the \$800 to the club.
- Rick DuPrey made a \$20 cash donation.
- Ed Bodenberger made a \$100 donation which Erik delivered.

Expenses for the club

- The club paid \$538.80 to Steve Shannon, which completed the \$2,538.80 reimbursement for ordering the new Hytera repeater.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:

Motion Made: Erik Bodenberger

Seconded: Rob Sisson

Vote

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstain:

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Any Corrections? None

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

Motion Made: Tom Hoffman

Seconded: Erik Bodenberger

Vote

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstain:

Old Business

Registered Agent

Because Cliff has not responded to our attempts to contact him, Steve volunteered to research and make a recommendation based on the list of Registered Agents listed with the Secretary of State for Montana. After the first of the year we must file a change with the Montana Secretary of State showing the new officers/directors and the appointment of a new Registered Agent.

Steve contacted or attempted to contact four different Registered Agents in the Butte/Anaconda area:

Tracy Nash is a Registered Agent only for her parent's corporation.

Travis Barry didn't respond to email.

Agent Services of Montana didn't answer the phone when called at 3:32 pm on a Thursday afternoon.

John Stoppler of Montana LLC Services was responsive to a phone call and explained how their small office would be able to adequately act as Registered Agent for Butte Radio Club.

Steve recommended "Montana LLC Services, LLC" which is run by John Stoppler of Anaconda. Gene asked if we need a motion to enter into a contract. Jack asked if they would invoice us. Steve said he would ask for an invoice.

Motion to Enter into a Contract with Montana LLC Services and get an invoice.

Motion Made: Rodney Pewitt

Seconded: Erik Bodenberger

Vote

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstain:

Steve will contact John Stoppler with Montana LLC Services, LLC and ask them to invoice us.

Other Outstanding To-Do Items

Transfer of title for trailer – No title found. Steve will file for a lost title and change the registration.

146.68 2 Meter Repeater

James has established a secondary repeater on 146.68 (- 0.600 MHz offset) at his house. In the November meeting we discussed contacting the Frequency Coordinator just to make sure. Steve sent emails and made phone calls to try and determine who the Frequency Coordinator is.

RepeaterBook Discrepancies

During the search for the identity of the Frequency Coordinator we discovered the following items which were briefly discussed:

Don Heide is listed as the FC in RepeaterBook. Don Heide is a Silent Key. I made a contact with Kevin Kerr who provided another name, which I haven't followed up on yet.

There's a 147.02 repeater listed as a Butte repeater and operated by KB7ARA which has a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene address. This repeater doesn't appear to still be in service. This may have been a linked repeater.

Repeater Site Improvements

We are waiting to receive the RigRunner which was backordered earlier but is supposed to ship on December 31 or thereabouts. Hopefully we will receive an email notification about a shipping date.

The new Hytera repeater has been received and is currently being staged at James' house as the 146.68 repeater mentioned above. Both Steve and James have familiarized themselves with configuring the new repeater.

James has been approved to purchase and implement a DTMF relay as well and he plans to put in Power over Ethernet in the repeater site.

New Business

Election of Directors and Officers:

We have four director candidates and only three director openings. Steve reminded people to vote for three directors and four officers. Ballots with too many directors would be discarded. Ten ballots were received. All were marked correctly and counted out loud during the meeting. There were no challenges to the results.

The following officers were elected: Gene Bodenberger, President; James Burk, Vice President; Jack Hook, Treasurer; Steve Shannon, Secretary;

The voting members also elected the following directors - Rob Sisson, Tom Hoffman, and Jerry McDonald.

The club thanks Rodney Pewitt for many years of service as a director and in almost every office.

Rodney remains as one of the two FCC Club License trustees along with Rob Sisson. (W7ROE and W7FO).

After the election Gene announced that he and Lisa may be moving to western Washington sometime in 2026. Plans are uncertain. Gene prefers not to move during the winter months. Lisa might go in the summer to help support their son and grandkids. Steve said that he thought in that event James would become President and we would elect a new Vice-President.

Any other business for the good of the order:

Vern Kiburn (KESHXT) of Whitehall joined as a new member and paid for two years of membership.

Reminder to people to pay their dues for 2026 in January for easier bookkeeping.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion Made: Erik Bodenberger

Seconded: Steve Shannon

Vote

Aye: Unanimous