

# Minutes of the Butte Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Date: March 7, 2026

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:30 AM

## In Attendance:

**EDIT as needed** - Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO), Rob Sisson (KE7IYU), Verne Brown (KK6DIO), Zak Law (KJ7ZTE), Rodney Pewitt (N7TRG), Rick DuPrey (KDOTSC), Jack Hook (KK7IZN), Erik Bodenberger (KA7JMH), James Burk (KG7OMB), Tom Hoffman (KZ7T), and Steve Shannon (AI7KS).

## Treasurer's Monthly Report:

**BEGINNING BALANCE** – The balance at the beginning of February 2026 was \$3166.22

**REVENUE** – We received \$25 in dues and \$25 in donations for a total of \$50 in revenue for the month, \$200 in revenue for the year so far.

**EXPENSES** – Our expenses for the month totaled \$0

**MONTH END BALANCE** – \$3216.22

### Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:

**Motion Made:** Steve Shannon

**Seconded:** Rodney Pewitt

**Vote**

**Aye:** Unanimous

## Minutes of the Last:

**Any Corrections?** None

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

**Motion Made:** Jack Hook

**Seconded:** Erik Bodenberger

**Vote**

**Aye:** Unanimous

## Old Business

**Apply for grants** from NorthWestern Energy, Town Pump Foundation, etc., once we have projects identified. With James leading, we will identify stages or logical standalone phases for the repeater improvements tabulated by James.

**Transfer of title for trailer** – Gene gave Steve the license plate number of the club’s trailer (MT 1-1451). Steve will look into filing for a lost title and then transferring the title from BARC to BRC.

### Repeater Site Improvements

RigRunner order status? (Steve)

Steve called on February 26 and spoke to Jodi, who sounds like she’s in management. She said she doesn’t have a production date yet. They’re short some parts for it. She doesn’t want to have it built overseas. I told her my credit card was expiring at the end of the month. She said that when it’s ready to ship they will call me for updated billing info. **Nothing New**

### PROPOSED REPEATER IMPROVEMENTS (James)

Summer upgrade suggestion:

James has prepared a very complete proposal that includes eight 300 Ah batteries, grounding improvements, a 5 GHz microwave link, a 4k PTZ exterior camera and mount, and 400 watts of solar panels and all of the necessary electrical and mechanical hardware and devices needed to support this project. We should discuss when we want to submit this for grants. The total in his spreadsheet is \$14,564.36, but this will change as we seek better pricing or as market prices rise out of our control. Included in the project is the RigRunner which we have already ordered, but which has not yet been delivered. The grant from BSB Community Foundation paid for that and our treasury still holds that money.

**EMCOMMS** (Verne) Waiting for Steve to create an EmComms page on the webserver

**CLUB ASSETS AT CLIFF’S HOUSE** (Gene) Gene has emailed Cliff. Waiting to hear back or for Gene to knock on Cliff’s door.

## New Business

The domain registration, email hosting and web hosting must be renewed on April 4, 2026. The annual cost is \$70.53.

### Motion to pay Dynadot for two years (\$141.05):

**Motion Made:** Jack Hook

**Seconded:** Erik Bodenberger

**Vote**

**Aye:** Unanimous

**Any other business for the good of the order:**

Rick asked about Field Day. It's the same weekend as RATPOD. Also, what about Area 7 QSO Party on May 2-3, does anyone intend to participate locally? (7QP - the 7th Call Area QSO Party). For more information see <http://7qp.org/new/mobstart.asp>

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion Made:** Steve Shannon

**Seconded:** Rick DuPrey

**Vote**

**Aye:** Unanimous