

# Agenda of the Butte Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Date: April 4, 2026

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:30 AM

## In Attendance:

Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO), Verne Brown (KK6DIO), Rodney Pewitt (N7TRG), Rick DuPrey (KD0TSC), 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 March 2026 was \$3216.22

**REVENUE** – We received \$50 in dues and \$0 in donations for a total of \$50 in revenue for the month, \$250 in revenue for the year so far.

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

**MONTH END BALANCE** – 3266.22

### Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:

**Motion Made:** Erik Bodenberger

**Seconded:** Steve Shannon

**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:** James Burk

**Vote**

**Aye:** All

## 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.

4-4-26: Rick mentioned that he saw where a similar trailer sold for \$1,000 if we wanted to sell it and do something with the money.

### Repeater Site Improvements

RigRunner order status? (Steve) 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) – Verne explained that he has been sick. He needs to put together a membership list for email and text messaging the entire club.

He intends to survey the members to compile a list of capabilities, equipment.

Finally, when Jason Parish returns from Ireland, someone needs to contact him to find out the location of the antenna that was at the courthouse. It was intended to accompany the radio equipment that is out at the Justice Center/BSB Emergency Management Office.

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

4-4-26: Gene said he would re-send the email to Cliff.

## New Business:

Gene mentioned that he has four – 6 volt golf cart batteries that we wants to donate to the club if they could be incorporated into the battery system at Red Mountain. James said they could be added in as long as we block them off with diodes or if we create a separate battery system for the digipeater.

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

Steve brought up that the domain, email hosting, and website builder are all currently in Steve's Dynadot account. He said he would look into creating an independent ButteRadioClub account and transfer the domain, email hosting, and website builder there and provide credentials to the members of the club who are most likely to maintain it in the future. He will contact Dynadot and ask.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion Made:** Steve Shannon

**Seconded:** James Burk

**Vote**

**Aye:** Unanimous