Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Director Attendance

Bruce KO4XL, Patrick KE4OBV, Jeff W4AEQ, Jerry W4BFL, Jeff K4BH, John N1QFH

MINUTES for 6-Nov-2018

The BRARA monthly association meeting was held at the shack at West Delray Park. The meeting was called to order by President Bruce KO4XL at 7:08 PM. There were 24 members present and 1 guest. Introductions were completed.

Secretary's Report

Minutes: Through the president, asked for motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes. Moved by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Art WA8VSJ. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

Membership: Consisted of 149 paid, 11 renewed, 5 new, 5 pending online applications.

New Members:

- KN4CHN James Nycum
- KC7FBN Rob Adams
- AC4JM Jeff Modlin
- WA1PIR Kenneth Friedman
- KA1OSH Phyllis Friedman

Communication: Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to read newsletter.

Website: New scrolling text, updated nets and a new director training video. Current Newsletter link is located in the QRZ section.

Wintah Field Day 2019: Save the date 26 and 27 January 2019. It starts at 2pm on the 26th and wraps up at 2pm on the 27th. Detail planning is underway and be ready to sign up for a station. You may logon and go to those two dates to reserve a station and time slot.

HamCation at Orlando: <u>CLICK FMI</u> Save the date: 9-FB-3019. Carpool sign is now available. Please email John at <u>wirehead52@gmail.com</u> to reserve a spot, fee is \$30 per person. Van capacity is for 6 people.

Equipment Sales: No update.

Net Control Operators: Contact Jeff.R W4AEQ / John.C for details. NCS are needed and training provided.

Membership cards: Members may print their cards via member tools.

President's Report

Training Committee: Tech class is underway at LDS / Mormon Church in Boca. The Extra class is in February 2019 after Hamcation in Orlando.

Announcements: January 2019 meeting will occur on the 8th due to New Year's Day on that 1st Tuesday.

Safety Committee: no report

Welcoming Committee: no report

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House Committee: no report. Need someone to volunteer to chair this committee.

Vice President's Report

Security: no report.

DMR: SEFL DMR Tech Net resumed on TG-3112529 or GCARC 443.350 CC-11 using same TG-3112529. Two updated codeplugs are available to access the TG-3112529. We are looking at converting our 440 analog to DMR repeater. More to follow.

AED: No update.

NETS: On the club repeater 145.29, the Vocom Net has been active with new hams followed by information and announcements. The South County NBEMS net is becoming very popular with several new folks joining. See Jeff for NBEMS setup as needed and the software is free. CERT is cancelled.

Treasurer's report

At month end we had a balance of \$4,539 Expenses totaled \$0. Expect electrical bill sometime in November. No pending / outstanding expenses. Collected \$242 and made deposits totaling \$242. Have no deposits pending / not posted. Dues for 2019 may be paid after October 1st up to March 31st of 2019.

Director at Large: Gerry.Z W4BFL

Shack: all shack items appear normally. No issues to report.

Radio Status: No issues to report

Technical Committee: no report

Social Media: no report

Testing: Upcoming testing at Patch Reef Park in Boca Thursday and at LSD Saturday.

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Emergency Communications: Coming to end of hurricane season and continue to be ready. Stocked items can be donated to food drives for Thanksgiving. Broward ECOM ARES net is Friday 7pm on GCARC 146.61 / PL-110.9. Spoke about Wreathes Across America and several members sponsored that evening.

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

Status: No report.

<u>Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV</u>

VHF / UHF Tower: no report

HF Tower: no report

VHF / UHF Station: no report

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

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Report is in our Newsletter. Highlights: awarded WAZ CW, got zone 18. Received 10 more QSL cards for FD2018. Ed worked AK on 80m.

Old Business

Bruce.R KO4XL announced the following:

- Palm West ARC Hamfest on 24-Nov-2018 and is on our website
- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 4-DEC-2018 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- Testing is on 8-November at Patch Reef Park in Boca (CLICK FMI)

New Business

- Holiday party details to be announced
- Ft Lauderdale Boat Parade us 15-DEC-2018 contact Robin Terrell n4hhp@comcast.net and details are on our website
- Jeff K4BH has been posting SEFTN Announcements
- Handy links on home page under UPDATES section.

Adjournment

With no further association business, Bruce called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Jeff.S K4BH and 2nd by Art WA8VSJ and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.27pm local time.

Presentation: Rick Rosen, K1DS on "Having Fun with EME" CLICK FMI

Respectfully submitted, John Cole N1QFH, Secretary