

BRARA Board Meeting

Date: Saturday 2-February 2018 Location: BRARA Shack Start Time: 12:05pm

Attending

Bruce.R KO4XL, Jeff.R W4AEQ, Patrick KE4OBV, Gerry.Z W4BFL, Jeff.S K4BH, George WA2VNV, Mike.S W2RT, John.C N1QFH

The following items were discussed, motions made, tasks assigned.

Next board meeting:

13-March 2019, 6.30pm WPB Glades Rd Branch library
(20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton, FL 33434)

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General meeting agenda topics addressed.

Post winter field day items will be addressed by Gerry.Z at meeting and Gerry.Z will send John.C statistics.

Patrick shared finances.

Jeff.R renewed annual hotspot.

Planning for summer Field Day: planning in May or end of April with integrated setup and test Memorial Day weekend. Saturday 4th May for board fatal flaw review and press done earlier in April. Announce planning at next general meeting.

George addressing 706 6m HF part resolved.

Upcoming events: Orlando and Everglades Day parking issues

Discussed process to sell inventory to logged on members via silent auction and will announce at general meeting. Sell high value items first with minimum bid price a percentage (66%) or by equipment basis of assessed value. Each bid will be incremented by \$10 high from the prior bid. Will show last bid price. Use PayPal to pay the item. If non-payment, it becomes open for bid. Bruce will address PayPal issue to enable using this tool. This new capability should be available in March. Add reminders to visitors and non-logged on items are for sale to members in order attract new members and reduce inventory space and increase our bank account.

Meet and greet status by Kathryn, John.C will touch base.

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Bruce will bring gadget items to next meeting for donations. Do 50-50 first then add ticket back and draw for gadgets.

John,C to pare down standing committee list and names.

Wish list idea has been removed.

Satellite installation reviewed and discussed. George will be point to this project. Base may be needed or use tower section in slab. Base plate is not available but may need to get this at Orlando.

Mission statement by Bruce no action

Speakers: Les Kalmus W2LK on Ducie Island.

No report from Ed per Jeff.R.

FAU and IP access update by Jeff.R.

DMR Repeater acquisition status updates and plans with Orlando as possible place to acquire. Motion: by Jeff and 2nd by Patrick to acquire repeater with defined dollar limit at Orlando. Discussed logistics and use discretion. Motion passed.

Orlando: will use DMR Titusville repeater. John.C will advise board of DMR zone and channel.

Zone: Titusville Channel: 4 - TTS LR

The antenna needs to be replaced and Bruce may purchase in Orlando if he finds a good deal.

Key tracking was updated by Jeff. Need well defined rig training and will be announced. Need checklist on wall for those using the rigs. Will address unpaid members with keys via email blast. Need new combination on the door. May 30 will email paid-up key holders members of door combinations.

Admin tools training time for board at next meeting.

George will get new sensor via Amazon link to Bruce.

Reviewed brara@brara.org email and forwards

Dues email reminders.

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Will change member brochure by Jeff.R

Policy Book needs some work and send to Bruce

Anniversaries reviewed.

Discussed how to reduce mud tracking into shack. Jeff.R will check with PBC Park on possible solutions.

Jim and John suggested getting operators by doing face-to-face ask to operate.

Mike reviewed his ideas for transfer switch from regular and alternate power to avoid pulling out station desks. We discussed options and next steps. Jeff.S will draw up electrical design if needed. Gerry.Z suggested adding orange outlets at each station to manually plug rig into regular power or plug it into alternate power. Gerry.Z will look at doing this. Jeff.R is looking for L-conductor 50ft cable and may check with John.Q.

Mike reviewed his idea for reconfiguring how antennas can connect to any rig. He will draw up this idea for us all to view.

Have county spread compound to reduce fire ant population.

Motion to adjourn: by Jeff.R, 2nd by George, motion carries for adjournment at 1.27pm.

Respectfully submitted

John Cole N1QFH BRARA Secretary