

BRARA Board Meeting

Date: Saturday 2-March 2018 Location: BRARA Shack Start Time: 13:05pm

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

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

Next board meeting:

Wednesday 17-April 2019, 6.30pm

PBC Glades Rd Branch library

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General meeting agenda topics addressed.

Patrick shared finance status and have insurance and electrical to pay. This is highest balance since Patrick took over. Renewals are doing well.

John.C reviewed member statistics with little better than 80% renewed. Will be sending update to those yet to renew as reminder and this has been in every weekly email. Mention that shack access code will be changed in April and made known to active 2019 members.

Completed high level review of the inventory bid process. Need to upgrade to new SQL version. Will implement Bruce's bid logic when next bid goes up 10% rounded up to whole dollar amount. Will give them a letter of donation when item picked up. Reviewed auction guidelines. Will add start and end auction date by item. Will implement approval process for each member before allowing them access and must agree each time they enter the bid process. Make it clear this is a benefit auction. Remove asking value and change discounted to suggested donation. Board needs to identify what items to put in auction. Only board knows and sets the asking price which is then discounted and the asking is never revealed to members. Discussed what to place in auction and how many to release to auction such as 3 to 4 items. Show highest valued items first to lowest. Suggested showing all like types in auction such as transceivers. Will make window for start and stop 2 weeks. Discussed how to clear the volume of inventory. Suggested making low value items available as raffle item. John.C will provide list of items for sale sorting by appraised value descending. Suggested posting all items of \$20 value or more until it gone. Patrick suggested using a swap meet like approach like other clubs do.

John.C announced he will be unavailable for 2019 field day and need another person to step into that role. Reach out to members at next meeting needs someone to run field day. Board will have to address if no one comes forward.

Bruce reviewed and asked us all what to add to his agenda.

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Discussed the need to get the DMR repeater purchased and installed and that many members have been asking when it shall be done. Have sponsors that will pay for the machine. Jeff.R updated us on the search status and suggested getting new with a warranty and he will chase the details to get this done.

GCARA is having a club dinner on 23-March-2019.

Discussed upcoming hamfests.

Announced presenter for next meeting aka Mike.S on FT8 and awards.

Made aware that linear is out for repair by Ed

LDS has asked for tech class in July. Discussed when and how club can offer the next general class over two weekends. Jeff.R suggested a strategy for handling the material with review on 2nd weekend followed by test. Discuss who is available and when to teach these classes for first two weekends starting on 4-May-2019.

Discussed when to hold mid-month meetings.

Mid-month meetings 6.30pm at PBC Glades branch: 17-April, 15-May, 12-June, 17-July

Set meeting dates before general meeting at shack 12pm noon as 6-April (should be 30-March), 1-June, 29-June. Will skip 4-May board meeting and cover items at 17-April with general testing on 11-May. Will skip 6-July board meeting and use 12-June meeting to cover agenda items. Field day is weekend of 22-June. Bruce will send his list to John.C to confirm.

Jerry.Z offered his Google phone and Alexia expertise to any member.

Reviewed the revised list of committees as a BLOG entry. Fix callsigns and Bruce is Patrick's backup. HF point person could be Ed, need to ask him. TBA will be announced at our next general meeting. Remove station 2 point person since it's a guest station.

Satellite tower installation was updated by Mike.S and need to finalize location with park constraints. Jeff.R will approach county on final agreement with George on location and then schedule it. Show a drawing to county once George and Mike.S agree.

Will need 70cm antenna new for DMR repeater.

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Reviewed items that included dirt and mud tracking in shack, key tacking, weather station will go to Jeff.S, address field day power cabling and switch over and plan to address, how to adjust station 1 and 2 for alternate emergency power plugs permanently mounted, Jerry.Z updated us on other station updates such as grounding, and Mike.S stated we want to avoid pulling station out to address power needs, need to have county address fire ants when they cut grass, discussed scheduling preventative maintenance (PM) such as towers, cable system and possible replacement every 10 years which has been up 8 years, lubrication, air filters replacement, need to cut back on number of microwaves stoves in shack, discussed decluttering to occur as it occurs and relocating items in the general space, we have to do our own cleanup such as trash, all field day items are in crates in closet and in shed such as cords and plugs and win-links, Bruce's generator popup is still in shed.

When we meet at shack, we need to start on time and focus on our meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 2.54pm.

Respectfully submitted

John Cole N1QFH BRARA Secretary