

BRARA Board Meeting

Date: Saturday 18-DEC 2019 Location: PBC Library Glades branch Start Time: 6.37pm

Attendance:

Bruce KO4XL, Jerry K4BFL, George WA2VNV, Jeff W4AEQ,
Michael W2RT, Jay N2ELG, John.C N1QFH,

The following items were discussed and actions assigned:

REPEATERS AND SITE

Per Lew, Art and Erik the onsite amp failed, is well over 30 years old, and parts are not available. We discussed getting new amp for 2m repeater. We do not need more than 100 watts amp to avoid noise on repeater. Need to secure antennas and devices on roof of building.

ACTION: George will look into sources for amp e.g. [TESystems](#)

ACTION: John will connect with Art and Lew for antenna bracket maintenance / service

ACTION: team to move racks in and out of site

ACCESS

Storage rooms at shack need new keys. Discussed other ways to secure our facility. Issuing keys will be tied to shack training.

ACTION: Jerry.Z will create new keys for 2 locks for 7 keys.

ACTION: Bruce and Jeff to develop Shack access and use curriculum.

AED c/o PBC

Jerry updated us on status and is pending with PBC end of year actions in the county. George share there are refurbished units available and board will follow up on this option.

ACTION: Jerry to connect with PBC

BADGES

Bruce updated us on status.

ACTION: Bruce will follow-up on vendor.

DMR UPDATE

TG-311037 will be used on SE FL DMR Tech Net on 5-Jan-2020 with many levels of communication to ensure operators know and are able to use this new TG. Bruce was able to hang our DMR by adding ad hoc TG on TS-2. The machine would not respond to any request in either TS until he sent 4000 to TS-2. No timeout occurred. Board will try to reproduce this and advise of results. Discussed how DMR Mark system compares to bandmaster system.

ACTION: Board test dynamic TG on TS-2 on Sat 21-Dec at The Shack

DMR TRAINING

Jeff updated us on dates and content. Roger and Al have offered to assist in Q1-2020.

ACTION: Jeff to update us on instructors, date, location, and curriculum.

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EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Reviewed what has been moved and what is left. George donated folding workbench to be sold or for shack use. We discussed putting on EBay or hamfest. In weekly update mention items for sale.

ACTION: Board to review what is on-hand that can be sold.

ACTION: Bruce will investigate creating EBay account tied to our PayPal to move items

HF ROOM STATUS

Michael updated us on tuner issues at station-3. AEL 82 progress needs Art and George to examine why relay is buzzing and remove board and bridge in amp. Bruce had purchased all parts and is in closet to use. Need to add floor protector for station-2.

ACTION: Bruce will purchase 3rd floor protector and John to place it at station-3

HAMCATION

John updated board on trip plans, communications, payment process, current reservations, and use of PayPal and checks. Funds will be sent to Erik Olmer to cover vehicle rental costs once all fees are collected. Discussed logistics of using PayPal and how it may affect our tax status.

ACTION: John will investigate use of PayPay and any impact to our non-profit status

LINK: [CLICK FOR PAYPAL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY](#)

LINK: [CLICK FOR PAYPAL USER AGREEMENT](#)

LINK: [CLICK FOR PAYPAL RESTRICTED USE](#)

DUES

George raised concern that PayPal process was not as easy to find on our website. This was due to how we initially rolled out and implemented PayPal. We need to include PayPal HTML to enable dues payment as a 1-click option. As of 19-Dec019, 14 members have paid dues via PayPal.

ACTION: Bruce will get PayPal HTML and John will place that HTML on website.

MEMBERSHIP

We discussed a key person who resolved out technical repeater issues over several years.

MOTION: By Jeff, 2nd by Bruce to offer Erick KF4LZA a one year membership. Passed.

ACTION: John to draft letter to Erik for Bruce to review and send.

MEMBER WIFI ACCESS

We discussed logistics to offer members Wi-Fi access at the shack. In the future we will try to connect to FAU via repeater microwave site. We agreed not to purchase another device and to let the FAU option to play out.

CLUB ASSETS

We discussed items that are missing and how to secure current assets.

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SHACK OUTSIDE

We discussed how to reduce the mud fields and tracking it into our cars and shack. We raised the gate 6 inches as prep work when PBC paves our footprint.

ACTION: John to place sample crushed rock in some wet / mud areas

PAYPAL

We discussed the use of PayPal and how to get buttons added to our website.

ACTION: Bruce to get PayPal plugin HTML code to John and he will add to our site.

POP-UP CANOPY

We discussed the current status, agreed we need to purchase 2 more and recover parts from damaged frame. We discussed what the RC airplane group uses but agreed that it's too expensive and given our footprint and future paving to continue with pop-ups. We were concerned that metal cover may interact with antennas.

ACTION: John to recover parts from damaged frame

ACTION: Bruce to purchase 2 new pop-ups

SHACK OUTLETS

We will replace the perimeter of power outlets and ensure they are water resistant. Need UV plastic schedule 80-conduit per Jerry.

ACTION: Jerry and John will measure the length and purchase parts

PRESENTERS

Jeff reviews possible presenters and content.

ACTION: Jeff to get John presenter for Jan-2020 news letter

SATELIGHT TOWER

We reviewed the location, plan, and logistics to place the tower base. Height would be 20 feet and 10 foot pole.

ACTION: George will review the location

TOWER MAINTENANCE

Bruce reviewed the need and plan to ensure the cable integrity and shroud is placed over motor.

ACTION: Bruce connect with Art on tower expert

TRAINING SCHEDULE

We reviewed what is planned and what is left to be planned. Testing is fixed. Tech class is in July 2020 at LDS. Need general and extra class.

ACTION: Bruce will research and define dates.

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2020 WINTER FIELD DAY

We reviewed tasks underway and issues from last event. Most current task is to get operators assigned and signed up. On our request to him, John.H KE4IDW is providing his cooking expertise. Given the scoring / submission issue from last FD, we need to address. Jerry will submit results which are web based.

ACTION: Jerry will review how submission is done since he has the points.

Next Board meeting: 12.30pm 4-JAN 2020 at The Shack

Adjourn: motion by Jeff, 2nd by George moved and approved at 7.48pm.

Respectfully submitted
John Cole N1QFH
Secretary