

BRARA Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 20-May-2020 Location: via Zoom Start Time: 6.34pm

Attendance:

Bruce KO4XL, Patrick KE4OBV, George WA2VNV, Jeff.S K4BH, Michael W2RT, Jay N2ELG, Michael K8BQ, Bonnie KC2JVS, John N1QFH

The following items were discussed and actions assigned:

OVERVIEW

This was a virtual meeting using Zoom.

PAYPAL

ACTION: Via Zoom, Bruce and John.C will provide PayPal website capability

ACTION: Bruce to create secondary logon

ACTION: Bruce to generate PayPal report for Patrick

DMR MICROWAVE PROJECT

George mentioned at repeater site on roof, there is an abandoned pole we may be able to use.

ACTION: Art, Lew, and Jerry will relocate dish on 2m or 70cm antenna

ACTION: Jerry to determine when the dish relocation can occur and advise Art, George and Lew

REPEATER STATUS

George gave update on issues discovered at repeater site. Root cause of 2m noise was failed hardline connector. Presently, the receive and transmit are on one antenna putting out 15 watts. The transmit comet antenna may have damage and was taken out of the loop.

ACTION: Bruce to connect with Lew to update our DMR repeater details on database (FL spectrum coordinator FSMA)

ACTION: John.C to connect with Ricky.E on Boca hospital assets

ACTION: George, Art, Lew to address connector for 2m and turning on amp

SATELLITE PROJECT

ACTION: Satellite team look into refurbishing rotors

ACTION: Relocate fan-dipole antenna that may block the satellite system

1-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

ACTION: Bruce will send letter

AED UPDATE

ACTION: Jerry will continue linkage with PBC and Life Safety Solutions for AED

BADGES

ACTION: Bruce to follow-up with potential suppliers of badges and shirts

ACTION: Update logo to remove white background to transparent

TRAINING AND TESTING

All planned classes and events are on hold

ACTION: Jay, Jeff.R, Roger, Al to define DMR curriculum

ACTION: Jerry will send request for VE's a week before the testing

ACTION: Jerry will connect with Barry KB1PA on how and if BRARA may use remote testing

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

ACTION: Board to define nominating committee for 2020 director elections by June

ACTION: John.C will continue training with Michael K8BQ admin tasks

ACTION: Patrick and Bonnie to continue knowledge exchange

EQUIPMENT STATUS

We discussed remote operation and how we may do so at the shack.

ACTION: Define members on Equipment Liquidation Committee (ELC).

ACTION: John.C to work with ELC to set a Sunday in April.

ACTION: Jay will continue reviving laptops and desktops

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ACTION: BRARA will standup a group to look into remote operation

ACTION: John.C to connect with GCARA Ricky on their remote operation and status

THE SHACK

Anyone needing unplanned access to the shack or wants an update on shack access shall contact Bruce KO4XL.

ACTION: Jerry to rekey storage room locks and distribute

ACTION: Jeff.R and Bruce to coordinate training and rekeying shack and gate

ACTION: John.C to install di-pole lightening protectors

ACTION: John.C will draft shack opening plans for all board members to review and critique

PROJECTS

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

- Satellite System
- Repair Ameritron HF Amplifier
- Acquire AED for The Shack
- Mud free Shack Pathway

New project: Look into setting up remote station at the shack

ACTION: John.C to update project and task list for board review

PRESENTERS

Jeff.R updated us on speakers for June and July.

2020 WINTER FIELD DAY

The board discussed 2020 FD and how other groups such as GCARA were handling their plans. The risk factors were discussed and how we may mitigate. With several risk factors and that the shack will open (date and plans TBA) on very limited use given PBC guidelines, the board felt participation in FD was best curtailed and that BRARA would not participate in 2020.

MOTION: Board moved and approved to curtail BRARA participation in 2020 FD

OTHER ITEMS

ACTION: Bruce will continue addressing refrigerator repair

ACTION: John.C to investigate how to use list servers or groups.io to address member ASAP comms

Next Board meeting: Saturday 12.00pm 30-May 2020, via Zoom virtual meeting

Adjourn: Moved by Bruce, 2nd by George, adjourned at 8.23pm.

Respectfully submitted

John Cole N1QFH / Secretary