

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION August 2, 2016

Minutes of meeting held August 2, 2016 at the South PBC library on US-441. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:00 PM. There were 23 members present, including 6 of 7 board members.

President's Report

There was a brief discussion on the previously-discussed band filters and how they would be used.

Gerry announced that Sharon K1TQ has volunteered to take over as NCS of our New Hams Net. He also discussed progress on our Spanish language net. There was brief discussion on moving the Spanish net later in the evening to accommodate more participants.

VP Report

Art reported that the Rules and By-Laws Committee and the Finance Committee would both be meeting in August.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported funds on hand of \$3603.96. Our electric bill for the summer was approximately \$180, and is payable now. The winter electric bill is expected to be considerably lower, estimated \$80. Our insurance premiums will be payable in the fourth quarter of this year.

It was also reported that there may be a fee to be paid this year for the use of the clubhouse in Marcos' community for the winter holiday party, which will be held on December 20th.

Secretary Report

The secretary read the minutes of the June Meeting, which were approved as read by a motion from Mark Crum, seconded by Jeff Stahl.

Bruce reported on the upcoming VE session to be held on August 11th. He indicated that because of the recent license classes a large turnout is expected and extra VEs are needed.

The upcoming JOTA event on the weekend of October 14th was discussed. Our club will operate JOTA from the club station on Saturday the 15th, and will also provide a station for the JOTA event at the Boy Scout camp in Tequesta. Additional participants are needed for both activities.

Bruce reiterated the need for all members to both subscribe to the Yahoo! group and opt-in to the MailChimp email list in order to receive all club announcements, newsletters and reminders.

Repeater Trustee

Lew reported on the work being done to improve operation of the 2 meter repeater. Several adjustments have been made and several improvements are being considered.

Technical Facilities

An issue with the combination lock on the shack was discussed and will be addressed by Jerry.

The Icom IC-7600 will be sent to the manufacturer to address the antenna T/R switching issue.

Grounding work in the HF station is planned to be completed this week.

Work on social media and emergency preparedness is ongoing

Awards and Contests

Walt reported that the club's collection of plaques and framed awards is at the shack, waiting to be hung.

Ed reported that two new countries have been confirmed for N4BRF. Electronic QSLs continue to arrive for Field Days 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013. A new 6 meter grid (Haiti) has also been confirmed.

Old Business

Gerry KG4FUR proposed the use of a whiteboard calendar to reserve and log time on the HF station, in place of the previously-adopted electronic calendar. After considerable discussion of the details and the reasons for the change, a motion to accept was made by Art and seconded by Mark. The motion passed by a show of hands vote.

Dates for upcoming testing and ham fests were announced.

New Business

Art has purchased the replacement air conditioner filter for the shack.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Art and seconded by Mark. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm local time.

Following adjournment, a video on amateur operation from the International Space Station was shown.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary