

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSN November 1, 2016

Minutes of meeting held November 1, 2016 at the club station in West Delray Park. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:15 PM. There were 21 members present.

Secretary's Report

The secretary read the minutes of the October meeting. The minutes were approved as read via motion by Mike Ross, seconded by Dennis Gershwin.

It was announced that our next quarterly VE testing sessions are scheduled for February 9, May 10, August 10, and November 9, 2017.

It was announced that training for the Extra class license upgrade will be held in January, 2017, date TBD.

President's Report

There was a brief discussion of the band filters for working next Field Day, and of the status of our weekly nets. It was announced that the weekly Spanish language net has been suspended due to lack of participation.

The status of the Safety Committee was briefly reviewed.

Highlights of the November newsletter were reviewed.

VP Report

Art reported that the Rules and By-Laws Committee has completed its mark-up, which is in the hands of the BRARA secretary. A draft of our new bylaws is forthcoming.

Art also reported that the IC-7600 was back at Icom for further repairs.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present.

Repeater Trustee

Low reported that the new 2m repeater antenna had been ordered.

Technical Facilities

It was reported that the County had notified us of the need to clean up some of the junk items located near the shack. The Wednesday morning work session has been scheduled for this activity.

Awards and Contests

The clubs many award certificates and plaques will be gathered and hung in the shack on Saturday.

Additional QSLs were received for 2015 and 2016 Field Day.

Old Business

Dates for upcoming testing and ham fests were announced.

New Business

Ed Calloway reported that the owner of the 6m Yagi currently located on our main tower has requested its return. There was some discussion on the alternatives of buying out the owner vs buying him a replacement vs removing the existing one from the tower.

There were some questions from the general membership regarding the club's financial planning efforts. The Board briefly described progress thus far and took fundraising suggestions from several members.

There was also a brief discussion of the state of the club's website.

There was some discussion of the club's scheduled participation in the ISS contact at Boca Christian School. Some concern was expressed by Barry that there appeared to be a lack of coordination between the school and the ISS team.

John Q proposed a group DMR setup session at the next Saturday shack get-together.

John C expressed concern over the interruption and diversion of Gerry's presentation at the October meeting. Several suggestions were made in order to prevent this from occurring in the future.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Jeff and seconded by Jerry. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40pm local time.

Following adjournment, members were given the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the equipment at the shack and its proper use.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary