

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSN February 7, 2017

Minutes of meeting held February 7, 2017 at the West Boca Library. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:00 PM. There were 38 members present.

Secretary's Report

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Art Lewis and seconded by Barry Porter. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

It was announced that the date of the March meeting has been changed to Wednesday, March 8th due to a conflict in the Library's schedule.

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 proposed that training for the Extra class license upgrade will be held on the weekends of 2/25 and 3/4. Due to an expressed concern by several members that these dates may conflict with major contests or activities by local clubs, the BOD has taken the matter under advisement and may propose alternate dates at the next meeting.

President's Report

Gerry discussed moving forward with the purchase of bandpass filters for the club station. He and Art will each purchase one filter as a donation to the club.

A summary of the club's weekly nets was given and the Sunday night DMR net was added to the list of nets that will be sponsored and reported on by the club.

One club badge remains unclaimed. Anyone who wishes to order club badges or apparel should contact Gerry.

It was announced that the reading and/or review of the club minutes will no longer take place at the general meeting. The minutes will be posted on the club website, and any corrections or additions should be communicated via email to the club secretary.

VP Report

Art reported that the Rules and By-Laws Committee changes are under review by the committee and will be presented to the membership soon.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported a treasury balance of \$4013.82 as of 1/31/17.

Repeater Trustee

Lew reports that all repeaters are working. Minor effects may be observed due to the recent low temperatures.

Technical Facilities

Jerry Zaza reported that he is working with John Cole to implement the new website.

Awards and Contests

The club is approaching single-band DXCC endorsement on several bands, the most notable being 20 meters, where we currently have 97 confirmed, having just received confirmation for Bolivia.

Walt will maintain a posting of our needed list for awards and endorsements. All members are urged/reminded to log their activity on QRZ so that we continue to make progress on all awards.

Old Business

Free Laurel testing will take place on February 9th at Patch Reef Park, per our quarterly schedule.

The Orlando Hamcation/SE Division Convention will take place in Orlando on February 10-12. A number of members will be traveling together, coordinated by John Cole.

The next BRARA general meeting will take place on March 8 at the West Boca Library.

Larry Libsch discussed the approaching RTTY Round-Up contest. He offered to mentor members who are interested in participating in RTTY contesting, in order to expand the club's capabilities and activity in this area.

George Sintchak reviewed the main VHF/UHF contests which take place in January, June and September.

Jeff Stahl announced that the Broward clubs will be having a barbecue and radio day on March 25, starting at 10:00am. BRARA members are invited to attend and participate.

New Business

A Welcome Committee has been formed, consisting of Larry AA1EE, Sharie K1TQ, Bruce KO4XL and Dolph WA2NTW. The responsibility of this committee shall be to greet visitors to our meetings and radio shack, mentor new members, and encourage and remind the club membership to do likewise.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Barry Porter and seconded by John Cole. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm local time.

Following adjournment, a presentation on CW operation and the CW Operators Club was given by Jim Talens N3JT and John Silva N3AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary