

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSN October 3, 2017

Minutes of meeting held October 3, 2017 at the West Boca Library. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:00 PM. There were 25 members present.

Secretary's Report

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Jeff S and seconded by Jeff R. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

It was announced that our next quarterly VE testing sessions is scheduled for November 9, 2017.

It was announced that General class upgrade training will be held on the weekend of November 4-5.

It was announced that a Technician class training is being considered for December.

President's Report

Gerry discussed plans for the upcoming Winter Field Day activity which will take place January 27-28, 2018 at the club station.

A summary of the club's weekly nets was given.

VP Report

The rules for the election of Directors were reviewed, and the Nominating Committee's slate of proposed directors was placed in nomination by Art WA8VSJ and seconded by Steve KS3K. The nominated slate of directors consisted of:

- Patrick McFadden
- Bruce Ratoff
- Jerry Zaza
- Jeff Ronner
- Jeff Stahl
- John Cole
- George Sintchak

The floor was opened for additional nominations and none were received. Nominations were then declared closed. In accordance with the published BRARA election procedures, Art WA8VSJ then moved that the proposed slate be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Ralph W1DAR and passed by a show of hands vote.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported a treasury balance of \$4,078.14 as of 9/30/17. He also indicated that several recent items were not yet factored into that balance.

Awards and Contests

Ed C reported that there was very little QSL activity this month, with only 5 total QSLs received. These included one new 6 meter grid square and two QSLs from 2017 Field Day.

Old Business

None

New Business

Technical Committee Chair Jerry W4BFL reported that repairs from the recent hurricane Irma were underway. The most significant loss is the damage to the driven element of our SteppIR beam, which will be examined and sent out for repair if necessary.

Repeater Trustee Lew K4LEW reported that the mast of the primary antenna for our 2 meter repeater had been bent by the storm and that the repeater is temporarily operating on a back-up antenna. A work party is being organized to replace the damaged mast.

Lou W9IL reported that he and Larry K4KGG planned to work a number of upcoming RTTY contest events and reiterated that other interested members are invited to learn the procedures and assist during the contests. The next few RTTY contests are on 11/11/17, 12/16/17 and 1/6/18, with additional opportunities taking place in February and March of 2018.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm local time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary