

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSN December 5, 2017

Minutes of meeting held December 5, 2017 at the West Boca Library. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:02 PM. There were 30 members present.

Secretary's Report

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by John C and seconded by Art L. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

It was announced that our next quarterly VE testing sessions is scheduled for February 8, 2017.

It was announced that Technician class training will be held on the weekend of February 3-4.

John C gave a report on the status of the website.

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. It was announced that our two Monday night voice nets have been combined into a single 1-hour voice net, starting at 19:00 local, and followed at 20:00 local by the NBEMS net.

A brief announcement was made regarding the Holiday Party to be held on December 21 from 7-11pm at the Boca Linda clubhouse.

VP Report

Art L reported that the newly elected board of directors had met and selected the slate of officers to serve during the board's term. Effective January 1, 2018, the officers are:

- President – Bruce Ratoff KO4XL
- Vice President – Jeff Ronner W4AEQ
- Secretary – John Cole N1QFH
- Treasurer – Patrick McFadden KE4OBV

Art also reported that some new equipment donations have been received, which need to be checked over before being offered for sale.

The repairs to the SteppIR beam have been completed and it is once again fully operational.

Treasurer's report

Patrick reported a treasury balance of \$3,802 as of 11/30/17 after expenses of \$131. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by John C and seconded by Jeff R. It was carried by a voice vote.

Patrick provided an end of year overview of our income and operating expenses, highlighting several key items which have the greatest impact on the club's operating budget.

Patrick announced the Board of Directors' decision to increase annual dues to \$35, effective January 1, 2018. Those who renew their membership prior to that date need only pay the 2017 rate of \$25.

Director at Large W4BFL

Jerry Z reported that the failed computer at operating position #1 will be replaced by Saturday.

George S indicated the need for a 2-drawer file cabinet and inquired as to whether one was available by donation.

Lew reported that the repeaters are all working normally.

Everyone was reminded that sign-ups for the Holiday Party are available on the club website.

Director at Large W4WCD

Gerry stood in for Ed C and gave a brief report of DX activity.

Director at Large W4AEQ

Jeff R reported that a DMR class is being planned for early in 2018.

Participation in the NBEMS net is growing.

A new DMR codeplug should be available on or about January 1.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by John C and seconded by Ralph. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:40pm local time.

Following adjournment, Jeff Stahl delivered a presentation on EMCOM and Incident Management.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary