

# Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

## Minutes of General Meeting 6-February-2018

### Director Attendance

Bruce KO4XL, Jeff W4AEQ, Patrick KE4OBV, Jerry W4BFL, George WA2VNV, Jeff K4BH, John N1QFH

### MINUTES for 6-February-2018

The BRARA monthly association meeting was held at the West Boca Library. The meeting was called to order by President Bruce KO4XL at 7:01PM. There were 38 members and 2 guests present. Bruce introduced the directors and members introduce themselves. New members shared likes and objectives.

### Secretary's Report

**Minutes:** Through the chair, asked for motion to waive the reading of the minutes; moved by Jerry W4BFL and 2nd by Michael KM4MGM. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

**Membership:** As of 6-FEB-2019, we had 105 paid members, 3 associate, 2 lifetime, 100 regular. The license classes include 7 advanced, 51 extra, 25 general, and 19 technicians. Of our members, 77 belong to ARRL. We had 10 new members join our organization, 273 member logons were observed for an average of 5.3 sessions per logon, 5 new web site capabilities, 308 subscribers of which 128 are members.

**Communication:** Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter.

**Website:** Fox Hunt winner is Bob Fox W1VEI. The other top Fox hunters are Stephen KS3K, George WA2VNV, Richard LM4IQH, and Bruce KO4XL.

**Equipment Sales:** Equipment is being appraised and please watch when items go on sale.

**Hamfests:** Car-pooling to Orlando on 10-Feb-2018.

**Net Control Operators:** Please contact John.C for details. NCS are needed and training will be provided.

### President's Report

**Training Committee:** tech class had 100% pass rate. Next tech class will be in spring 2018. We are considering a YL Tech class with YL instructors. Bruce is seeking a Training Chair and is appealing to members to volunteer. Quarterly testing session is coming up next Thursday.

**Safety Committee:** Ron – no issues at shack. Mike – Ron's backup, will address any issues. Mike is now primary given Ron's away time commitment.

**Welcoming Committee:** no report

**House Committee:** need person to volunteer as chair. This person will monitor when items need attention.

**ARRL:** Updated us on current leadership issues and status. Jim.T added further details. Go to <http://myARRLVoice.com> for update information.

### Vice President's Report

**Winter Field day 2018:** had great time, 9 operators and good food. Had 528 QSO, worked auxiliary power and had satellite contact for score of 15,366.

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**DMR:** New MD3xx code-plug ready for distribution on website. CX7xx code-plug will soon be ready. The code-plug redesign and housecleaning was reviewed. This included ad hoc placeholder zones.

**Antenna Fund:** Reviewed SteppIR antenna storm damage, communication impacts of being off the air, and repair efforts. New antenna emergency donation fund is being established. Funding goal is \$1000.

**NETS:** Need for backup net controls and net activity reviewed.

### **Treasurer's report**

As of January 31st 2018 we had \$5,864 balance. Expenses for January 2018 were \$61.25. Deposits for January were \$1,390 all of which were from membership dues. We are waiting on 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenses for power and insurance. Shirts and badges are on order.

### **Director at Large: Gerry.Z W4BFL**

**Technical Committee:** FT1000 audio issue is being addressed. Another radio was used for field-day. Locks will be replaced on closets. Front door combination will be changed as well as gate key.

**Social Media:** no report

### **Repeater Trustee**

Lew K4LEW reported the repeaters are working normally and reviewed QSO correspondence. VHF contest on low power single operator was awarded to George WA2VNV.

### **Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH**

**Public service** – Skywarn class is offered at Broward EOC on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Register with RobinT and the link is on the BRARA calendar website. All are welcome to join the South East FL traffic net every night at 6pm.

Barry KB1PA announced on February 14th a two year certification drill at Turkey Point to evacuate Martin and Palm Beach counties.

### **Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV**

**Jan 2018 VHF** contest – we did better than last year. Results: 81 Qs, score was 4,305, placed 14th in USA and 1st in SFL, worked 10 hours, ran 50 thru 1296 MHz. We added a 220MHz Dual Cavity Bandpass filter due to RF rcve overload from Chan 13 TV station just 5 miles North of us. We are now running a 6M beacon on beam with 20 watts on 50.070 pointing NNW for propagation studies. We are looking for hams in EL95 grid for contesting multipliers. George gave summary of his FT8 results.

### **QSL Report**

Ed.C N4II reported we had on LoTW 48 QSLs, on DXCC got Somalia for 270 mixed and phone 199 DXcc. On FT8 WAS our club got another 12 states. After WDF2018, shack lost public power while he was operating. We may want to consider having secure place for generator when it's needed.

### **Old Business**

Bruce.R KO4XL announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 6-March-2018
- Show of hands going to Orlando HamCation

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### **New Business**

Ron Z KB1MPI announced there are HT's for sale at \$75 each and 10% will go to club.

### **Adjournment**

With no further association business, Bruce called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Jeff K4BH and 2nd by Barry KB1PA, and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm local time.

**Presentation** – Rich WB1J presented a series of his very interesting dive excursions.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary