

# Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

## Minutes of General Meeting 3-April-2018

### Director Attendance

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

### MINUTES for 3-April-2018

The BRARA monthly association meeting was held at the West Boca Library. The meeting was called to order by President Bruce KO4XL at 7:08PM. There were 32 members and 4 guests present. Bruce introduced the directors and members introduce themselves. New members shared likes and objectives.

### Secretary's Report

**Minutes:** Through the president, asked for motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes. Moved by Jeff K4BH and 2nd by Alan N3EA. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

**Membership:** As of 3-April-2019, we had 115 paid members, 3 associate, 2 life-time, 108 regular. The license classes include 7 advanced, 58 extra, 25 general, and 20 technicians. Of our members, 86 belong to ARRL. We had 2 new members join our organization, 124 member logons were observed for an average of 4.3 sessions per logon, no new web site capabilities, 313 subscribers of which 134 are members.

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

**Website:** Fox Hunt winner is Barry Porter KB1PA. Fox was located on membership list. This concludes the FoxHunt contest.

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

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

**Membership cards:** will be available after the April meeting.

### President's Report

**Training Committee:** Next technician class scheduled for May 5 and 6 at the club shack and announced for those interested to email [training@brara.org](mailto:training@brara.org).

**Safety Committee:** no report.

**Welcoming Committee:** no report

**House Committee:** no report. Need someone to volunteer to chair this committee.

**Donation recognition:** no report.

### Vice President's Report

**Winter Field Day 2018 Results:** For our class 3H, BRARA was 1<sup>st</sup> in So FL and state of FL and 16<sup>th</sup> overall. These results are on our website.

**Announcements:** Radiator Gill at ham shack on 28-April, rain date 29-April and all are invited.

**DMR:** New MD3xx codeplug in 2<sup>nd</sup> revision 4.2 available on website. Thanks to Steve N8IFQ for translating MD3xx codeplug to MD2017 and will be available on website.

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**NETS:** Reminder of Sunday DMR net at 8pm, Monday Voice net at 7pm followed by So county NBEMS net at 8pm and Tuesday CERT net at 7.30pm. Will attempt to have Wellington NBEMS participants' transition to Monday given that NBEMS net is closing down. We still need alternate net control folks to volunteer.

### Treasurer's report

As of March 31st 2018 we had \$4,683 balance. Expenses for March 2018 were \$1,382 for Satin Stiches, equipment repair, name tags, truck rental for antenna move, and liability insurance. Pending expenses include \$125 for shack power bill. Deposits for January were \$135 all of which were from membership dues and donations. Announced new revenue stream.

### Director at Large: Gerry.Z W4BFL

**Shack access:** All locks were replaced. In process of changing shack gate locks. Will be doing member key swap, will announce the process and when it begins. Gave an update on shack camera status.

**Technical Committee:** Gave update on IC-7600 repair status and backup radios in place. We are looking at updating computer at station-1.

**Social Media:** no report

**Repeater Trustee:** no report

**Testing:** May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 at James A Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park in Boca Raton.

### Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

**Emergency communication:** reminder to prepare for upcoming hurricane season that included some items like antennas and water.

### Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

**Antenna party:** Gave wrap-up of the relocation effort. This included renting a truck to move the remaining items. Reviewed some of the items and those possibly for sale. Gave an overview how the club may use these items at the shack.

**VHF / UHF Update:** Announced the 2018 Spring Sprint schedule which is on the website 6M to 1296M and see George if interested in working the stations.

**WSJT-X Update:** Gave update of Joe Taylor's presentation video of FT8 and update developments with that mode. It's available on the website. George gave update of how FT8 has grown and quality of QSOs given noise levels. Out of 32M QSO's, FT8 was 5M. Gave update of Whisper and balloon project around the world. Gave update on FT8 in contest mode where can get 200 to 500 QSOs per hour.

### **QSL Report**

Ed.C N4II reported Kosovo contact and recorded to LoTW making 200 countries on DxCC phone. All WFD2018 QSL LoTW confirmation reported and WAS jumped up as result. ARRL app WAZ credits can be applied and data submitted.

### Old Business

Bruce.R KO4XL announced the following:

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- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 1-May-2018
- Update on membership cards which can be picked up at shack or next monthly meeting

### **New Business**

No new business

### **Adjournment**

With no further association business, Bruce called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Art WA8VSJ and 2nd by Jeff K4BH and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm local time.

**Presentation** – Kai Siwiak KE4PT on Portable DXing, modes, and propagation prediction

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary