

# Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

## Minutes of General Meeting 7-August-2018

### Director Attendance

Bruce KO4XL, Jeff W4AEQ, Jerry W4BFL, Jeff K4BH, John N1QFH

### MINUTES for 5-June-2018

The BRARA monthly association meeting was held at the shack at West Delray Park. The meeting was called to order by President Bruce KO4XL at 7:07 PM. There were 17 members present. Bruce introduced the directors and members introduce themselves. New members shared likes and objectives. In November will turn on AC early to cool down shack.

### Secretary's Report

**Minutes:** Through the president, asked for motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes. Moved by Jeff.R W4AEQ and 2nd by Jay N2ELG. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

**Membership:** As of 1-May-2019, we had 126 paid members.

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

**Website:** Reviewed new capabilities which included dashboard, tabs and surveys. Completed first survey and published results on dashboard. Jeff W4AEQ reviewed Amazon Smile and how to enroll and signup to support our organization. This signup process is on our website. When prompted by Amazon Smile search for "**Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association**".

**Equipment Sales:** No update.

**Net Control Operators:** Contact Jeff.R W4AEQ / John.C for details. NCS are needed and training provided.

**Membership cards:** See John.C for your cards. These are available at monthly meetings and at the shack.

### President's Report

**Training Committee:** Completed open technician class for Boca Raton LDS Church and we now have 11 new amateurs who passed the test. A second session at the church will occur possibly in November over two successive Saturdays. Other organizations have approached BRARA to conduct classes. General class will be offered at end of September 2018 over two weekends which includes license testing at the shack. An extra class is planned after Orland Hamcation in February 2019 over two weekends.

**Announcements:** Jupiter Lighthouse ARC group and BRARA are offering FCC testing. BRARA is using the Gordon West books for classes.

**Safety Committee:** Since our existing member is unable to fill this role, we are seeking a new member to volunteer as Safety Officer for our club. This is an excellent gateway to become more involved with our organization while making a minimal time commitment. The responsibilities were explained. We will be installing smoke and CO2 detectors and exit signs. Also the fire extinguishers will be checked and as needed recharged.

**Welcoming Committee:** no report

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

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**Radio Status:** IC-7600 is down, not functional. Art is looking at options how to handle this outage for this transceiver. Art's FT-100MP is now in place of the IC-7600 at station-1. Presently cannot do 6m from station-1.

### Vice President's Report

**Newsletter:** No update.

**Radios:** IC-7600 is back online. The station 3, Yeasu FT1000-MP is working normally and is digital capable.

**Security:** Completed transition to new shack security. If you questions, see Jeff on access and equipment use.

**Amazon Smiles:** We as a club now participate in the revenue stream and the URL is [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). You may select organization like ours where Amazon will donate a percentage of your Amazon purchases to that cause. This does not raise the price and does not cost you anything. If you select BRARA as the organization, BRARA gets ½ of a percent of purchase amount which goes to funding our association.

**DMR:** No update

**AED:** No update.

**NETS:** Nets are going strong and reviewed Sunday DMR net at 8pm and Monday Voice net at 7pm followed by So county NBEMS net at 8pm and Tuesday CERT net at 7.30pm. On the So County NBEMS, net we transmit various digital messages using various modes.

### Treasurer's report

At month end we had a balance of \$4,193. Expenses totaled \$225 for name tags and porta pottie. No pending / outstanding expenses. Collected \$239 and made deposits totaling \$239. Have no deposits pending / not posted. Most of our expenses come due at year end. Expecting quarterly power bill for 2018-Q2.

### Director at Large: Gerry.Z W4BFL

**Shack:** working on 6M radio in VHF/UHF room to stabilize beacon and PC temperature when AC is off. Adjusting beacon to use micro controller which is more temperature tolerant.

**Technical Committee:** no report

**Social Media:** no report

**Repeater Trustee:** Jeff W4AEQ stated all repeaters seem to be working normally. We are reviewing our 440/70cm repeater usage and capability.

**Testing:** Reviewed LDS class and testing. Tested 15 people and 11 passed. Those who did not pass can retest in the next few weeks. Reviewed upcoming classes and testing.

### Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

**Skywarn Class:** Have to preregister with emailing Robin Terrell [n4hnp@comcast.net](mailto:n4hnp@comcast.net), Broward County SKYWARN Coordinator date in October to be announced.

### Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

**Status:** No report.

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

**VHF / UHF Tower:** no report

**HF Tower:** no report

**VHF / UHF Station:** no report

**Weather Station:** Jeff.S K4BH received donated station; we need to decide next steps.

### **QSL Status Report: Ed N1II**

No report

### **Old Business**

Bruce.R KO4XL announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 4-Sept-2018 at this library, November we're at the shack

### **New Business**

- Barry KB1PA shared update on Parity Act before congress and FCC approval and year end 2019 implementation schedule for 5G cellular network upgrades and antenna requirements and how it will play out with HOA's.
- Grant K4KEK updated FAU club status and relocation plans
- Steve KS3K announced West Palm Beach ARC will be holding an auction 26-September-2018 at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach, Florida. Contact Steve for items to sell and other logistics.

### **Adjournment**

With no further association business, Bruce called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Barry KB1PA and 2nd by Jay N2ELG and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm local time.

**Presentation** – Jeff K4BH on NTS traffic handling

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary