

Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting 2-October-2018

Director Attendance

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

MINUTES for 4-Sept-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 7:06 PM. There were 25 members present. Bruce introduced the directors and members introduce themselves.

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 2-Oct-2019, we had 138 paid members excluding 5 pending online membership applications.

New Members:

- KK4PPN Gerald Haase
- KN4FFO Rose Marie Arnold
- KN4NVD Pat Sage
- N1DCN Dave Noderer (from May)
- KK4OAR Steven Gray

Communication: Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter.

Please read our Newsletter ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Website: Reorganized home page and added **Handy Links** tab on **Updates** section of Home Page. Several items on the home page were consolidated into **QRZ and Logistics** sections. Current Newsletter link is located in the QRZ section.

Wintah Field Day 2019: Save the date 26 and 27 January 2019. Details to follow.

Equipment Sales: No update.

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

Membership cards: Members may print their cards via member tools.

President's Report

Training Committee: General upgrade class is underway. Testing will follow the class. Next offering is tech class at LDS / Mormon Church in Boca on Spanish River Blvd just east of I95. This class is the 1st two Saturdays in November. The Extra class is in February 2019.

Announcements: We hosted FAU for collegiate QSO event. A new club mission statement will be created. November meeting will be at shack due to voting. January 2019 meeting will occur on the 8th due to New Year's Day on that 1st Tuesday.

Safety Committee: no report

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Welcoming Committee: no report

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

Vice President's Report

Security: no report.

DMR: SEFL DMR Tech Net will be changing, stay tuned FMI.

AED: No update.

NETS: The Vocom Net has been active and interesting for new hams and several announcements. The South County NBEMS net has been very active. Cert Nets have been cancelled. See Gerry KG4FUR.

Treasurer's report

At month end we had a balance of \$4,297 Expenses totaled \$287 for name tags, electric, misc. No pending / outstanding expenses. Collected \$166 and made deposits totaling \$166. Have no deposits pending / not posted. Most of our expenses come due at year end. Expecting quarterly power bill for 2018-Q2. Dues for 2019 may be paid after October 1st up to March 31st of 2019.

Director at Large: Gerry.Z W4BFL

Shack: all shack items appear normally. Other members spoke up stating and thanking Gerry for reorganized the entire general meeting space by locating the large monitor on the wall and enabling more folks to be in our shack. Nice job.

Radio Status: ICOM working normally. H will be fixing the 40M filter connectors.

Technical Committee: no report

Social Media: no report

Testing: Upcoming tech and extra classes followed by testing and in progress general class with testing to follow.

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Emergency Communications: Hurricane season reviewed. He suggested everyone keep current on news by getting on Traffic Net at 146.61 6pm daily. Jeff gave presentation on traffic handling. Reviewed Broward county processes and nets. SkyWarn class is 13-October at Broward EOC be there at 9am and contact Robin Terrell.

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

Status: Lew stated all repeaters working normally and the KC4GH 147.255+ / PL 107.3 repeater is working again running ¼ watt and is being worked on to resolve. The 440 machine at the hotel tower may be moved to the Boca city complex.

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

VHF / UHF Tower: no report

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HF Tower: no report

VHF / UHF Station: no report

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

Report is in our Newsletter

Old Business

Bruce.R KO4XL announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 6-Nov-2018 at the Shack due to elections.
- Testing is on 8-November at Patch Reef Park in Boca ([CLICK FMI](#))

New Business

- JOTA is happening this month 19-21 October. DMR is 907 reflector, echo link TBA and all HF bands are available, listen for stations calling CQ jamboree. The weekend is STEM event for kids needing badges. Participations is 10's of thousands.

Adjournment

With no further association business, Bruce called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Jeff.S K4BH and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.41pm local time.

Presentation: Ralph Boyd, KK4GUB on Amateur Radio Astronomy.

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary