

# Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

## Minutes of General Meeting

### Director Attendance

Patrick KE4OBV, Jerry W4BFL, Jeff K4BH, John N1QFH

Absent: Bruce.R KO4XL and Jeff.R W4AEQ have prior commitments

### MINUTES for 4-DEC-2018

The BRARA monthly association meeting was held at the shack at West Delray Park. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Patrick KE4OBV at 7:02 PM. There were 26 members present and 4 guest. Introductions were completed.

### Secretary's Report

**Minutes:** Through the president, asked for motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes. Moved by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Jeff K4BH. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

**Membership:** Consisted of 151 paid, 43 renewed, 3 new, 4 pending online applications.

### **New Members:**

- Megan Adams
- Arthur Lapon KN4PZT
- Peter Solomon KG4VIQ

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

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

**Website:** For logged on members, we added Member Contact information and Email details.

ALL MEMBER IDEAS ARE GOOD please send these to John N1QFH.

**Wintah Field Day 2019:** Updated attendees on WFH2019 status. Passed around the station signup sheet. There are many open time slots. All radios at this time are working normally. Will be working FT8 using the new software.

**HamCation at Orlando:** Save the date: 9-FEB-3019. Signup for carpool is now complete and we are taking standby names. Please email John at [wirehead52@gmail.com](mailto:wirehead52@gmail.com) to be added to the standby list. The fee is \$30 per person. Van capacity is for 6 people.

**Equipment Sales:** No update.

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

**President's Report** (Given by Pat KE4OBV in Bruce's absence)

**Training Committee:** Extra class in February 2019,

**Announcements:** January 2019 meeting will occur on the 8<sup>th</sup> due to New Year's Day on that 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.

**Safety Committee:** no report

**Welcoming Committee:** no report

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**House Committee:** no report.

**Vice President's Report** (Given by John N1QFH in Jeff's absence)

**Security:** no report.

**DMR:** SEFL DMR Tech Net resumed on TG-3112529 or GCARC 443.350 CC-11 using same TG-3112529.

**AED:** No update.

**NETS:** All nets are working normally and no outstanding action items. Had some DMR connectivity issues that is being examined. Please direct new hams to Voice Com net on Mondays 7pm. Observed QSO's on 146.52Mhz using internet remote control.

### **Treasurer's report**

At month end we had a balance of \$5,479 Expenses totaled \$128. No pending / outstanding expenses. Made deposits totaling \$1,068. Have no deposits pending / not posted. Dues for 2019 may be paid after October 1<sup>st</sup> up to March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2019.

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

**Shack:** in HF room 40m connector was replaced. All other stations working normally.

**Radio Status:** No issues to report

**Technical Committee:** no report

**Social Media:** no report

**Testing:** Upcoming testing at Patch Reef Park in Boca Thursday and at LSD Saturday.

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

Thanked people who contributed to Wreathes Across America. Hurricane season is coming to close, please donate excess supplies. Reminded folks of SEF traffic nets at 6pm on GC 61 repeater and Emergency Comm nets on Friday 7pm on same machine. Ft Lauderdale Boat Parade plans and details reviewed and shared contact names to volunteer. These details are on our website. John.H KE4IDW volunteered to assist folks and address questions.

### **Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW**

**Status:** All repeaters working normally, people out west having issue hearing 70m repeater.

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

**VHF / UHF Tower:** no report

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**VHF / UHF Station:** no report

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

Awards are reflective of fall DX season, worked 279 countries; got 2 new QSO's this month, we were lucky to have worked 60watts FT8 / 30m Macquarie Island near Australia. Got 25 new DXCC countries. On CQWW for the club worked Idaho, North Dakota, and Alaska on 160m. We'll need South Dakota and Nebraska. On WAZ got several contacts on 17m digital/FT8. DXCC digital application award has been submitted. For FD2018 we're at 438 QSL's which is a record for the club. For WAS need Idaho 40m, Wyoming 20m phone. Good month. Approaching WAZ on phone.

### **Old Business**

Announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 8-JAN-2019 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- HamCation in 2019
- No holiday party this year
- Other ham fests reviewed

### **New Business**

- FAU K4FAU reviewed results of college high power FU won 1<sup>st</sup> place 470 contacts
- Jay N2ELG asked if anyone wants to travel with him to CES in NV, contact Jay
- WSJTX new version of FT8 for contesting.
- Asked BRARA offer a PayPal account for dues and donations.

### **Adjournment**

With no further association business, motion to adjourn. Motion made by Ray W2CH and 2nd by Jay N2ELG and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.38pm local time.

**Presentation:** Rob Adams KC7FBN on Force of 50 ham operators who went to Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary