

Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Director Attendance

Present: Bruce.R KO4XL, Jeff.R W4AEQ, Gerry W4BFL, Jeff K4BH, John N1QFH

Absent: Patrick KE4OBV, George WA2VNV

MINUTES for 8-JAN-2019

The BRARA monthly association meeting was held at the Palm Beach County West Boca Library branch in Boca Raton. The meeting was called to order by President at 7:14 PM. Attending: 28 members and 4 guests. 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

Paid members	84
New members since last month	5
New members since 1-Oct-2018	14
New members fiscal year to date	0
Pending online applications	1
Renewals	70

New Members

- K2HZI Roger Gottfried
- KB4JG David Plich
- N0ADF Steve Neumeyer
- W1JAY Jay Mandelker
- WB4ZQG Norman Mandel

Communication

Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter.

Website

Reviewed member capabilities in profile tabs (such as gear), credentials, detail view, and member list.

HamCation at Orlando

Updated carpooling list and brief plans for the day.

Equipment Sales

Will have items for sale Q1-2019.

President's Report

Training Committee

Extra class in February 2019, 24 Feb 2019 will be the exam. We have good pass rate. Extra question pool changes in Q2-2019.

Safety Committee

No report

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House Committee

No report.

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

Gave update on DX results. Worked 10m contest on Saturday and Sunday covering continental US and added several contacts to WAS. Worked 80m 247 out of 250 and many other bands on FT8 and RTTY. 448 QSL 2018 FD. Worked zone 19 eastern Siberia on SSB 38 out of 40 zones. 6 on 15m CW to get WAS. Big Dxpeditations coming up this month.

Vice President's Report

Security

Formal training program for HF stations and add this to key policy. Those who have keys will review new training module. New policy on linear amp will be implemented to include access and training.

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 experiencing good participation and increased check-ins on South County NBEMS net. See Jeff if you would like to get involved in NBEMS, the software is free.

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

Treasurer's report

Bruce KO4XL gave Patrick's report.

Month end balance	\$6,792.00
Emergency fund balance	\$2,000.00
Pending and outstanding expenses	\$148.00
Deposits pending and not posted	\$0.00
Dues payments to process	None

Explained board approved emergency / reserve fund and future plans such as HF rig, DMR repeater and antenna.

Director at Large: Gerry.Z W4BFL

Shack

Reviewed Station-1 status and root cause of being out of commission and repair plans by Art WA8VSJ.

Radio Status

No issues to report

Technical Committee

No report

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Testing

Reviewed upcoming testing at Patch Reef Park in Boca every quarter.

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Reminded hurricane preparedness and recommended polishing skills on traffic nets.

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

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

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

VHF / UHF Tower

No report

HF Tower

No report

VHF / UHF Station

No report

Old Business

Announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 5-FEB-2019 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- HamCation in 2019

New Business

- Barry KB1PA is looking for assistance with Makers group
- No 50-50 tonight

Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn. Motion made by Art WA8VSJ and 2nd by Jay N2ELG and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8.06pm local time.

Presentation

2019 Wintah Field Day by John N1QFH

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary