

Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Director Attendance

Bruce.R KO4XL, Jeff.R W4AEQ, Gerry W4BFL, Jeff K4BH, Patrick KE4OBV, George WA2VNV, John N1QFH

MINUTES for 5-FEB-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 7:05 PM. Attending: 54 members and 3 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	105
New members since last month	8
New members since 1-Oct-2018	24
New members fiscal year to date	8
Pending online applications	2
Renewals	82

New Members

- KK4TSP Keith Cavanaugh
- WB2QWU Philip Fruchtmann
- W4EJO Erik Olmer
- KN4FQY Angelo Caruso
- KC2JVS Bonnie Greenfeld
- K8BQ Michael Greenfeld
- KD2CRH Francine Taylor
- KC2WE Seth Taylor

Communication

Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter.

Website

No new capabilities.

HamCation at Orlando

Updated carpooling list and brief plans for the day.

Equipment Sales

Working to offer members items for sale about Q1-2019.

President's Report

Training Committee

Extra class in February 2019, 24 Feb 2019 will be the exam. We have good pass rate. Have 8 to 12 people signed up. Other classes will be announced.

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Safety Committee

No report

House Committee

No report.

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

Asked to have WFD2019 uploaded. Gave update on DXCC results and confirmations. Have 247 WAS need 3 states on 10m. Got QSL form 2018 FD 242.

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 Station (NCS) 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	\$0.00
Current month expenses	\$409.90
Deposits pending and not posted	\$755.00
Dues payments to process	\$.00

Director at Large: Gerry.Z W4BFL

Shack

Station-1 IC-7600 is working normally and linear AMP lock will be installed. Explained why a lock is being installed to help reduce equipment untended damage.

Winter Field Day 2019

Reviewed statistics from this event with 8 station operators, 577 contacts over 4 bands, and 4 modes for a total of 20,560 points. In 2018 we submitted 15,366 points and this year we submitted 22,066 points. We heard

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comments from members how to improve such as WinKeyer, M1MN, need for operators setup. Suggest we do invites as 1-1 with CW operators. We all agreed to have fun and enjoy good food by folks like John.H Ke4IDW.

Technical Committee

No report

Testing

Reviewed upcoming testing at Patch Reef Park in Boca every quarter is 14-Feb and 9-May. [CLICK HERE](#) for Laurel details.

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Reminded hurricane preparedness and recommended polishing skills on traffic nets.

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

All repeaters working normally. No update on packet machine.

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

VHF / UHF Tower

No report

VHF / UHF Station

- Working on satellite setup plans
- 6M radio finals failed and look for donation for parts such 706G
- 50M to 1296Mhz and sprints coming up
- See George for training how to use these stations

Old Business

Announced the following:

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

New Business

- Harold asked to consider Tech class July 13 and 20 at LDS
- Some asked about general class being scheduled
- Ed stated big DX expedition coming up and MEM moon bounce 17 and 18 Feb on 6m
- Roy stated son passed Extra at 9yo 40 years ago using slinky on FT8 in attic

Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn. Motion made by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Jeff K4BH and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.58pm local time.

Presentation

2019 Wintah Field Day by Jerry W4BFL

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary