

Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Director Attendance

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

MINUTES for 5-MAR-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: 34 members and 2 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 Fran KD2CRH. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

Membership

Paid members	123
Renewals since 1-OCT-2018	98
New members since 1-OCT-2018	25
Pending online applications	2
Silent Keys	3
Regular members	99
Associate members	3
Family members	20
Lifetime	1
Members from inception	232

New Members

- W2CAB Craig Bond
- Paul Brous as Associate

Communication

Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter.

Field Day 2019

Need new volunteer coordinator.

Website

Gave high level overview of Member Auction soon to be available.

Membership

Reviewed what tools will be available to members such as auction.

President's Report

Training Committee

Completed Extra class in February 2019. Of the 13 who took class, 10 passed the extra class exam. Please consider becoming a VE and see Jerry.Z W4BFL.

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General class is being held the first two weekends in May 2019 which begins on 4th and 5th May. Tech class will be on July 2019 at LDS Church in Boca Raton date are 13th and 20th July 2019.

Safety Committee

No report

House Committee

No report.

Shack Access

Main door Key Access Code will be changed as of 1-April-2019

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

Slow DX month, got Morori Island on 40M about 4am, no new WAS, 3 QSL Field Day 2018 for total of 455, got 1 SQL from 2012 Field Day for 179 total.

Vice President's Report

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

Month end balance	\$7,639.50
Emergency fund balance	\$2,000.00
Pending and outstanding expenses	\$0.00
Current month expenses	\$104.51
Pending / outstanding expenses not cleared	\$318.77
Deposits pending and not posted	\$755.00
Dues payments to process	\$0.00
Total deposits	\$606.66

Our "Name Badge" supplier Satin-Stiches in Coral Springs has gone out of business. We're looking for a replacement service. Patrick will advise members waiting for badges when this has been done. Shack liability insurance is due this month. Jerry.Z encouraged members to enroll in Amazon Smiles and designate BRARA as recipient of Amazon donation at no costs to Amazon users.

Director at Large: Jerry.Z W4BFL

Shack

Access code will be changing in April and Members will be communicated the new code.

Technical Committee

The IC-7600 is working normally. Linear capacitors failed and are out for repair. Ed is having the CAPS replaced. Jerry.Z will install the linear access key.

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Testing

Reviewed upcoming testing at Patch Reef Park in Boca every quarter is 9-May-2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for Laurel details.

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

No report

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

All repeaters are working normally. No update on packet station at Boca hospital.

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

VHF / UHF Tower

No report

VHF / UHF Station

- 6M IC-706 radio finals failed again possibly heat related
- 50M to 1296Mhz and sprints coming up in June
- See George for training how to use these stations
- Will be making a training video
- UHF/VHF can work up to mid Florida
- FL weak signal stations making contacts on FT8

Old Business

Announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 2-April-2019 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- GCARA dinner 23-March-2019 see Jeff K4BH
- Stuart Hamfest is 16-March-2019

New Business

- Reviewed committees as seen on recent March newsletter
- Need to fill point person for 2019 Field Day
- Radiator Grill is 20-April-2019 10am to 1pm
- Suggestion to make it public on the website and newsletters which it has been
- Do better job at event planning much earlier
- Question on multi-meter in back room

Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn. Motion made by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Fran KD2CRH and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.48pm local time.

Presentation

FT8 awards and operations by Mike Siegel W2RT

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary