

Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Director Attendance

Jeff.R W4AEQ, Jeff.S K4BH, Gerry W4BFL, George WA2VNV, John N1QFH

MINUTES for 2-APRIL-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 7:06 PM. Attending: 40 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 Michael KM4MFM. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

Membership

Paid members	129
Renewals since 1-OCT-2018	105
New members since 1-OCT-2018	24
Pending online applications	2
Silent Keys	3
Regular members	102
Associate members	6
Family members	20
Lifetime	1
Members from inception	234

New Members

- AB4LL Gerard Wisgo

Communication

Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter.

Field Day 2019

Need new volunteer coordinator.

Website

Gave high level overview of Member Auction, new web pages and announced it's now available in TEST MODE. No money will be exchanged during this period; it's just practice time so members are comfortable with the process. When it goes live, all bids placed during the testing period will be deleted. Stay tuned for communications on when this will go live.

Membership

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

President's Report

Training Committee

General class in 4,5,11 May and Technician class in 13,20 July.

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Please see Jerry.Z W4BFL for upcoming classes.

Safety Committee

No report

House Committee

No report.

Shack Access

Main door Key Access Code will be changed in April-2019

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

Got QSL card from 5 years ago, got confirms from 10m, 30m, 20m. We have WFD2019 on LotW with FT8. Zone 17 worked 10m CW. Linear amp is repaired; root cause was a manufacturing defect as open input.

Vice President's Report

NETS

All nets experiencing good participation. Need folks to volunteer as Net Control Stations

Net Control Station (NCS) Operators

Contact Jeff.R W4AEQ for details. NCS are needed and training provided.

Project and Initiatives

- Satellite antenna system planning is underway and will need helping hands
- Close to purchasing DMR repeater and antenna
- Gave update on shack access and training and will post contact info for tech help

Treasurer's report

Month end balance	\$7,775.70
Emergency fund balance	\$2,000.00
Pending and outstanding expenses	\$0.00
Current month expenses	\$347.80
Pending / outstanding expenses not cleared	\$802.00
Deposits pending and not posted	\$0.00
Dues payments to process	\$.00
Total deposits	\$248.00

Jeff.R W4AEQ gave report on behalf of Patrick KE4OBV. Our "Name Badge" supplier Satin-Stiches in Coral Springs has gone out of business and we're looking for a replacement service. Shack liability insurance was paid in full.

Director at Large: Jerry.Z W4BFL

Shack

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

Technical Committee

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The IC-7600 is working normally. Installing UPS for 2019 Field day.

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

Gave update in upcoming hurricane season and plans to supply your household, test generators, get involved since there is a need for communicators.

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

All repeaters are working normally. Will try amp at repeater but it needs some repair work.

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

VHF / UHF Tower

Upcoming UHF/VHF side band sprint this coming Monday 7pm 8-April-2019, 220cm and 440cm events upcoming, all stations working, 1296 traverser volume control is not on/off, it's a click knob, 6m beacon is using 75 watts into 5 element beam trying to cause unit to fail. Seldom get folks from Miami in these contests.

Old Business

Announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 2-April-2019 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- Cy Harris and GCARA events on 13-April-2019 see www.w4bug.org for details

New Business

- Mickey AA4AC reviewed NQR all modes net
- Seth KC2WE added ECOMM infrastructure details, failures, mitigation in times of hurricanes
- Larry K4KGG asked for update on shack combination, planned for April
- Radiator Grill is 20-April-2019 10am to 1pm

Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn. Motion made by Jeff.S K4BH and 2nd by Jay N2ELG and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.57pm local time.

Presentation

MARS Operations by Mike Macintosh KJ4RHP

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary