

# Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

## Minutes of General Meeting

### Director Attendance

Bruce KO4XL, Patrick KE4OBV, Jeff.S K4BH, Gerry W4BFL, John N1QFH

### MINUTES for 7-MAY-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 7:04 PM. Attending: 29 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 Jeff K4BH. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

#### Membership

Paid members	142
New members	9
Pending online applications	3
Silent Keys	3
Regular members	114
Associate members	4
Family members	22
Lifetime	1

#### New Members

- K8MEM Mark Mijewski
- KN4SWG Chris Stone
- KN4TNB Lawrence Alesi
- WA2COJ Steve Galla
- WA4PDF Joyce Patterson
- WA4ZLJ Hap Patterson
- WB2IAQ Eric Price
- KZ4FLL Barry Segal
- N4YBR Michael Zall

#### Communication

Asked attendees to please subscribe to the newsletter.

#### Field Day 2019

Some tasks that we need volunteers

- **Signup to operate a station**
- **Food for lunch**
- **Signup to send traffic messages**
- **Setup and breakdown helping hands**
- **Outreach to CW ops**

#### Website

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- Home page reorganized and simplified
- Field Day 2019 logo in prominent location

### Membership

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

### President's Report

#### Training Committee

The next technician license class will be the at LDS church in July. Testing will occur Thursday 9-May-2019 at Patch Reef Park and 11-May-2019 at the shack for the general license class. Anyone may attend license classes by sending email to [training@brara.org](mailto:training@brara.org). US Coast Guard technician license class will be held in August. BSA has asked for BRARA to conduct a class details TBA.

### Safety Committee

No report

### House Committee

No report.

### Shack Access

Main door Key Access Code will be changed date TBA

### QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

We received 21 QSLs, 2/3 of these from VP60 Ducie Expedition. Norfolk Island worked on 160m, has been slow month, no new states or modes. For 5 band WAS all modes, need NM, ND, WY on 10m. VOACAP for field day look very good especially on 10m. May sit on 10m to see if can finish WASA and do this in late afternoon. There is propagation peak 1600Z into WY. Ed was working with university N7UW will be on Field Day. One guy uploaded log from last 20 years, we got 2018 FD 4 contact 461 contacts for FD. Addressed 6m propagation.

### Vice President's Report

#### NETS

No report

### Net Control Station (NCS) Operators

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

### Project and Initiatives

- Satellite base tower on 18-May-2018 at 9am
- Satellite antenna system installation TBA
- DMR repeater and antenna installation TBA
- Shack access TBA

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### Treasurer's report

Month end balance	\$5,436.40
Emergency fund balance	\$2,000.00
Pending and outstanding expenses	\$0.00
Current month expenses	\$5,024.30
Pending / outstanding expenses not cleared	\$0.00
Deposits	\$2,885.00
Dues payments to process	\$0.00
Total deposits	\$0.00

It was a busy month with a lot of expenses and activity. We received a significant donation for our DMR repeater from Robert Eng W1ENG. Thank you Robert.

### Director at Large: Jerry.Z W4BFL

#### **Shack**

Access code will be changing and date TBA. Training and review will occur for those given access.

#### **Technical Committee**

The IC-7600 is being repaired; PA board was damaged; waiting on parts; discussed possible replacement.

Updated details given on brute force server attack and steps taken to curtain future attacks.

#### **Testing**

Reviewed upcoming testing at Patch Reef Park in Boca every quarter is 9-May-2019 and at the shack 11-May-2019 in the afternoon. All are welcome to take any license exam on either date.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Laurel details.

### Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Gave update that we have 27 days to upcoming hurricane season. Hurricane exercise in Broward this coming weekend.

### Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

No report.

### Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

No report

### Old Business

Announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 4-June-2019 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- Updated on 6m beacon: IC-706 has failed.
- Updated scheduled ham fests.
- DMR project: Motorola repeater has arrived, antenna being built, internet access with FAU is WIP.

# **Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association**

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### **New Business**

- PBC Commissioner will be attending our FD2019, press and media has been notified
- Advised on AC situation at library

### **Adjournment**

With no further association business, motion to adjourn by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Jeff K4BH and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.44pm local time.

### **Presentation**

Ray Smolenski N4RU on Winning City Approval for a Tower

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary