

# Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

## Minutes of General Meeting

### Director Attendance

Bruce KO4XL, Patrick KE4OBV, Lew K4LEW, John N1QFH

### MINUTES for 10-October-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 7:17 PM. Attending: 24 members and 2 guests. Introductions were completed.

### Secretary's Report

#### Minutes

Through the president, we asked for motion to waive the reading of the minutes; moved by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Art WA8VSJ; the motion was carried by a voice vote.

#### Membership

Paid members	152
New members	1
Pending online applications	3
Silent Keys	5
Regular members	120
Associate members	4
Family members	22
Lifetime	1

#### New Members

- W4MGK Alan Preuss

#### Communication

If not already done so, please subscribe to our email managed notifications. ([CLICK HERE TO SUBSCRIBE](#))

A few Members who are subscribed have indicated they are not getting regular email notifications. Please check your JUNK and TRASH folders for these notifications.

For these subscribed members, if you do not get the 6am Saturday morning BRARA email, please notify John N1QFH by sending him an email to [wirehead52@gmail.com](mailto:wirehead52@gmail.com).

#### 2020 Dues

Membership Dues may be paid for 2020.

#### Website

- New Emergency Communication page added ([CLICK HERE](#))
- Several new administrative capabilities implemented over the summer

#### Membership

No new capabilities added.

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### President's Report

#### **Radiator Grille 26-Oct-2019 10am-1pm**

Ralph W1DAR is our planning coordinator and he updated us on the plans. Bring family and kids and introduce them to amateur radio. Board will be at shack at 9am to setup. Ralph needs volunteers to help with various tasks. John.H KE4IDW will be our grill master. See Bruce or Patrick for donated items on display.

### **Training Committee**

BRARA Training team is in the process of scheduling classes. Watch announcements for these dates.

### **Shack Events**

Cub Scout Pack will be at the shack on 19-Oct-2019 in the afternoon. Members please listen on that weekend for Scouts JOTA.

### **Safety Committee**

No report

### **House Committee**

No report.

### **Shack Access**

No report.

### QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

We received QSL cards from last fall 2018. Ed said we got new contacts for confirmed 287. Rolled over 251 CW contacts. Worked tough to reach stations on FT8. WAS added 1 state. Got 19 more QSL from 2019 FD.

### Vice President's Report

#### **NETS**

John N1QFH gave net report. Reviewed Sunday and Monday analog and DMR nets. [CLICK FMI](#)

### Treasurer's report

Month end balance	\$5,184.40
Emergency fund balance	\$2,000.00
Pending and outstanding expenses	\$0.00
Current month expenses	\$0.00
Pending / outstanding expenses not cleared	\$0.00
Deposits	\$0.00
Dues payments to process	\$0.00
Total deposits	\$0.00

It was a busy month with no activity.

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### Director at Large: Jerry.Z W4BFL

#### Shack

John N1QFH informed membership the HF room damaged tiles have been replaced. The Shed has been decluttered to meet PBC needs.

#### Technical Committee

Art WA8VSJ gave update on HF radios and various equipment and antennas.

#### Testing

Testing will be at Patch Reef Park in Boca. [CLICK HERE](#) for Laurel details.

### Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Bruce KO4XL reminded us all we're still in hurricane season and please continue to be prepared.

### Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

Connectors, noise problems, some cable replacement and other trouble items have been addressed. Some items continue to be monitored for repair. Lew and Art have done a great job identifying and resolving intermittent and persistent issues at our repeater site. They were informed of our analog machine Rx issue not working properly on last Monday's nets. This seems to have been resolved. APRS on frequency 144.390 is working because Lew hooked up a dual band antenna.

Bruce KO4XL updated us on the plans to get IP access via microwave link for our DMR machine and the handshake with FAU; the recently purchased mast to be placed at FAU for microwave support; IP should be resolved soon. The DMR is operational as a local repeater TG-311037 ([CLICK FMI](#)). When we get internet access, Sunday DMR Net on TG-3112529 will transition to TG-311037.

Ken K8KDS confirmed and thanked those who got the APRS machine working again and was behaving normally.

### Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

Bruce KO3XL reviewed need to repair IC-706 for 6m beacon per George's request.

#### Old Business

Announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 5-Nov-2019 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441

#### New Business

- Bruce reviewed plans for acquiring new refrig from Magnum Appliances
- Melbourne hamfest 11 to 13-Oct-2019
- Scouting JOTA event is Friday evening to Sunday evening local time
- Please join our nets Sunday and Monday ([CLICK FMI](#))
- Ken informed us Jeff Stahl K4BH and Mickey Baker N4MB are running for ARRL leadership positions
- John N1QFH will assist anyone needing DMR support, email him [wirehead52@gmail.com](mailto:wirehead52@gmail.com)

#### Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Ken K8KDS and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.57pm local time.

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### **Presentation**

Advised Jeff W4AEQ of presenter no-show.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary