

Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Director Attendance

Bruce KO4XL, Patrick KE4OBV, Jeff W4AEQ, Jeff K4BH, Jerry W4BFL, Lew K4LEW, John N1QFH

MINUTES for 5-November-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: 36 members and 2 guests. Introductions were completed.

Secretary's Report

Minutes

Through the president, requested motion made to waive the reading of the minutes; moved by Jay N2ELG and 2nd by Art WA8VSG; the motion was carried by a voice vote.

Membership

Paid members	163
New members	3
Pending online applications	7
Silent Keys	6
Regular members	130
Associate members	4
Family members	22
Lifetime	1

New Members

- KN4GML Nikko Pabion
- N1JIW Joseph Wiesenfeld
- WA2ROA Henry Seidner

Communication

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

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.

2020 Dues

Membership Dues may be paid anytime now for 2020.

Holiday Party

On 12-Dec 2019 dinner at 6pm, setup at 5pm at Boca Chase Greenbriar clubhouse in Boca Raton at Clint Moore and RT441/SR7. Potluck food signup list will be available soon. We will ensure the facility is cleaned upon leaving. Adult beverages are permitted. Attire is comfortable clothing. Our many thanks to Robert W1ENG for offering the clubhouse and spear heading the facility. Ice will be provided by Jerry W4BFL and Patrick KE4OBV.

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Website

- No new capabilities added

President's Report

Antennas and Radios Control Switch

Reviewed opportunity to improve how the HF rigs are balanced with the variety of antennas at the shack using a smart switch. Will require appropriate planning, HR room configuration, and training with possible roll out in late spring of 2020.

Available donated Inventory

Reviewed the various pieces of equipment available to members for a donation. See Bruce if interested.

Kenwood R2000 receiver, TenTec Omni V 752 transceiver, TenTec Hercules II 500w amp, Heathkit SB-104 transceiver, Drake TR-7 transceiver, ICOM IC-751

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

Ralph W1DAR, who planned this event, updated and reviewed the turnout, activities and thanked all volunteers, club members and all other attendees. We had over 55 people attending thanks to many folks such as chefs John.H KE4IDW and Kathryn KE4Ezt. Ralph and Alan W4MGK cleaned and repaired the grill and fired it up successfully. Due to rain, we had one pop-up damaged and repaired another.

Training Committee

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

Shack Events

Reviewed BRARA hosting the JOTA event at the shack with help of Bruce KO4XL and Ralph W1DAR. The scouts worked several stations including a Luxemburg station per Ralph.

Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club toy donations

Mike Ross N4ANO as member of the retired law enforcement Blue Knights provided a toy donation opportunity at the shack. Please consider bringing an unwrapped gift and drop off in box as you enter the shack.

DMR Radio Configuration

Jay N2ELG provided updates on various code-plugs and firmware for such radios as AnyTone and TYT radios. These will be available on our website. He has been assisting applying these code-plug updates to member radios.

House Committee

Per Ed, on main antenna tower, need to adjust boom which is a little twisted off center.

Shack Access

No report.

QSL Status Report: Ed N1ll

Slow award and slow activity month. UAE was confirmed from 2011 per dial-up and passenger pigeon. QSL 2013 FD confirms at 195. 2019 FD we're at 239 confirms. Got a few WAS PSK confirms. At the shack, Ed will

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be doing JT65 ARRL EME on 16th Saturday 8.45am and 17th Sunday on 6m with no antenna elevation. Moon set is 815-945pm Friday and 845-1015pm and Sunday 9.45-11.00am.

Vice President's Report

NETS

Reviewed the following nets

- DMR Tech Net Sundays 8pm on TG-3112529 and on the GCARA repeater 443.35 CC-11
- DMR Brain Waves Net on Mondays 7.30pm on TG-311037 repeater 442.875 CC-1 (local only)
- Voice Com on Mondays 7pm temporarily on 146.82 PL110.9
- SO PBC NBEMS Net Mondays 8pm temporarily on 146.82 PL110.9

DMR class curriculum is being developed and location, date and time will be announced.

Treasurer's report

Month end balance	\$5,092.17
Emergency fund balance	\$2,000.00
Pending and outstanding expenses	\$0.00
Current month expenses	\$923.77
Pending / outstanding expenses not cleared	\$0.00
Deposits	\$832.00
Dues payments to process	\$0.00
Total deposits	\$832.00

Patrick reviewed how members may pay dues and make donations via PayPal. Instructions are on our website. In the future a dedicated button will be added to our website. [CLICK FMI](#)

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Membership Dues and Options

BRARA has the following membership options

- **Full** with FCC licence is **\$35 / year**
- **Family** with each FCC license is additional **\$5 / year**
- **Associate** no FCC licence or FCC licence not domicile in South FL is **\$10 / year**
- **Lifetime** is **\$500 paid one time**

Dues may be paid for the following year any time **after October 1st**

Director at Large: Jerry.Z W4BFL

Shack

The amplifier at station 1 is being repaired. Radio and antenna switches will be replaced.

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Technical Committee

DMR IP access at FAU is in progress; Jerry will be connecting with FAU staff to complete. Art WA8VSJ provided an update on UHF/VHF and HF radios and various equipment and antennas. Stepper controller settings are being re-tuned and calibrated to the various bands. This process is being done by Walt W4WCD.

Testing

Next VE testing session is 14-Nov at Patch Reef Park in Boca Raton. [CLICK FMI](#)

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

We're still in hurricane season and please continue to be prepared. Consider donating food items from this year's preparedness.

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

Lew with Art have been to repeater site a few times chasing the root cause of the analog 145.29 machine issues. They replaced the antenna connectors at the antenna feed point. Determined the receiver is good and examined the duplexer. Checked the duplexer cavity rejection level and made an adjustment. Checked pass through frequency and noise persists. The repeater and duplexer are well over 30 years old. Erick KF4LZA will examine these units when he returns. The club may need to replace the duplexers.

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

No report.

Old Business

Announced the following:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 3-Dec-2019 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- Testing session on 14-Nov
- Board meeting on 20-Nov at shack
- Holiday Party 12-Dec
- 2020 Winter Field day on weekend of 25 and 26-Jan
- Hamcation @ Orlando starting on 7-Feb 2020

New Business

- Jeff K4BH asked about plans for general and tech classes
- Jeff K4BH talked about the Fort Lauderdale Boat Parade and need for volunteers

Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn by Jeff W4AEQ and 2nd by Jay N2ELG and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8.06pm local time.

Presentation

Erik Olmer W4EJO presented on Emergency Shelter Operations

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary