

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 7-Janurary 2020

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 7:14 PM. Attending: 35 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 Jeff K4BH the motion was carried by a voice vote.

Membership

Paid members (renewals)	81
New members	7
Pending online applications	4
Silent Keys	7
Regular members (2019 and 2020)	164
Associate members	4
Family members	22
Lifetime	2

New Members

- N2QLQ Steven Meltz
- KB1VGH Bennett Beres
- KO4AQI Daniel Kreshak
- KF4LZA Eric Rodriguez
- AC2NI Benett Rosen

Communication

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

2020 Dues

Membership Dues may be paid anytime now for 2020.

2020 Winter Field Day

Asked for CW operators to sign up for given hours.

2020 HamCation Travel Plans

Reviewed the plans, reservation status and other logistics of 8-Feb 2020

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Website

- Reviewed new capabilities and changes
- Members sees dues status
- Members who paid get email confirmation
- Menu bottom, top and home links available

President's Report

Amazon Smile

Reviewed how BRARA can benefit from members "Smiling" aka choose our organization. Bruce shared how much we received. The link is on our website home page under "What's Happening" section on the "Featured" tab near the bottom.

Board Meetings

Reviewed when and where these occur and are open to all to attend. Mid-month meetings are at PBC Library Glades branch and Agenda meetings are Saturday before monthly at The Shack.

Training Committee

BRARA Training team is in the process of scheduling classes. Technician class in July, Extra in February and General in March. Watch for announcements and details. Will be offering school age students an opportunity in the coming weeks.

Available donated Inventory

Reviewed the various pieces of equipment available to members for a donation. See Bruce if interested in vast array of items at the shack.

- Kenwood TS-430-S was acquired tonight by Norm AC4NM
- Donated Helicraft Sky Buddy and makes good project

DMR Radio Configuration

Jay N2ELG provided updates on various code-plugs and firmware for such radios as AnyTone and TYT radios. He reviewed the DMR Tech Net changes to TG-311037 and the Monday and Sunday nets.

House Committee

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

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

December was quiet month; 287 countries worked; Nario worked on DXCC; QSL cards for WFD and WAS; new zone 5 on 17m digital; QSL cards from 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019 Field Day; need 10m on San Diego, NM WY for WAS. Per Ralph's question, Ed will get list of countries we need and give to John N1QFh for the website.

ACTION: Ed to get needed country list

Vice President's Report

Shack Access

Jeff reviewed plans for access keys and refresher how to access and use stations.

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DMR CLASS

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

Treasurer's report

Month end balance December	\$4,434.54
Emergency fund balance	\$2,000.00
Pending and outstanding expenses	\$0.00
Current month expenses	\$434.06
Pending / outstanding expenses not cleared	\$0.00
Deposits	\$335.00
Dues payments to process	\$0.00
Total deposits	\$335.00
PayPal activity transferred to bank account	\$1,000.00

Patrick noted that PayPal monies have been transferred to our bank account for about \$1000.00

Director at Large: Jerry.Z W4BFL

Shack

The amplifier at station 1 is being repaired after 2020 Winter Field Day.

Technical Committee

DMR IP access issue at FAU was explained and resolved. New notification procedure has been implemented if this reoccurs at FAU. The 2m repeater needs a new amplifier placed in line after Winter Field Day.

Testing

VE testing sessions are held at Patch Reef Park in Boca Raton. [CLICK FMI](#)

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Jeff reviewed GCARA 2020 WFD event and experimental exchange. Reviewed need to be ready in case of emergency. Amateurs will be handling traffic when this occurs, get your skills ready. He reviewed the emergency preparedness nets, check out his announcements (website HOME page, look at left side for Announcements, click Updates tab, find "SEFN Announcements"). Jeff has a lot of activities, nets and other items happening at Broward EOC. Jeff came in 2nd on the ARRL election and he reviewed the other results.

Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

Bruce updated in Lew's absence. All is working normally. We will be placing new 2m amplifier inline to boost 15watts to about 50 watts.

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

George did analysis and proposed 2m repeater amplifier which has capability to boost our output to 100 watts. 18-19 Jan is VHF-UNH weak signal contest all modes, over 2 evenings, starts Saturdays until 8pm. See George if interested. More activity on 2m FT8 and 1296m Thursday centered on Orlando. There is 2m Monday FT8 schedule on 144.174 and 432.174. Reviewed satellite tower base and station setup plans. On 1-Feb-2020 need helping hands to assemble the base with goal for end of February. See George if you can help. Many members has satellite experience and want to get this capability up and running.

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Old Business

The following items covered:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 4-Feb-2020 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- Testing session [CLICK FMI](#)
- Board meeting on 15-Jan PBC Library Glades branch 6.30pm
- 2020 Winter Field day setup Saturday 18-Jan 9am
- 2020 Winter Field day on weekend of 25 and 26-Jan
- HamCation @ Orlando 7 to 9 Feb 2020

New Business

- Reviewed plans for election of directors and officers for 2021
- Please attend out board meetings to become familiar with our items and processes
- We'd like new people to sit on our board and committees
- Got an ideal step up and get it started, we'll support you
- Bruce reviewed plans for Matrix HF switch
- Seth KC2WE has utility trailer for sale
- Ken K8KDS mentioned APRS is offline due to split 2m antenna
- John N1QFH looking for donations of gray rock at Home Depot to cover mud areas (thanks Seth)
- Updated plans for park to pave lot and depends on PBC lease
- Roy suggested buying in bulk at place near FL turnpike on Atlantic Ave in Delray
- John KE4IDW reviewed need for transceiver for fiends in nursing home

Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn by Jeff W4AEQ and 2nd by Jeff K4BH and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8.07pm local time.

Presentation

John.C N1QFH reviewed 2020 Winter Field Day plans

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary