

Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Director Attendance

Bruce KO4XL, Patrick KE4OBV, Jeff K4BH, Jerry W4BFL, George WA2VNV, Lew K4LEW

MINUTES for 4-FEB 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: 24 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 WA8VSJ the motion was carried by a voice vote.

Membership

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| Paid members (renewals) | 126 |
| New members | 10 |
| Pending online applications | 3 |
| Silent Keys | 7 |
| Associate members | 2 |
| Family members | 24 |
| Lifetime | 2 |

New Members

- K2OBM Herbert Burbank
- Associate Steve DiMartino
- KC9HTA Nathan Russell
- KB1VLX Mike Balch
- KM4YOU Greg Bitto
- K4BYB James Cruz
- KO4BKT Alan Friederwitzer
- W1GGG George Garcia
- KF4EZT Kathryn Holzapfel
- K2SMC Jerry Lebow

Communication

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

2020 Dues

Membership Dues and renewals may be paid anytime now for 2020.

Rock request

Bruce shared request for members to help fund rocks to reduce the mud field in The Shack parking lot.

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Website

- Logon has capture applet to help reduce robotic attacks
- Event registration

President's Report

Reviewed Upcoming Meetings

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 3-March-2020 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- Next BRARA Board meeting is 6.30pm Wed 19-Feb-2020 at the WPB Glades Library on RT441
- Next BRARA Radiator Grille 21-March 10am-1pm

Reviewed results of Extra Class, 1 student passed. General class starts 28-March followed by test on 5-April. Tech class is 18+25 July at LDS Church in Boca Raton followed by test. Bruce reviewed BRARA Nets.

QSL Status Report: Ed N1II

No report

Vice President's Report

No report

Treasurer's report

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| Month end balance December | \$4,940.04 |
| Emergency fund balance | \$2,000.00 |
| Pending and outstanding expenses | \$0.00 |
| Current month expenses | \$363.87 |
| Projected future expenses | \$1,850.00 |
| Deposits | \$244.35 |
| Deposits Pending and not posted | \$0.00 |
| Total deposits | \$244.35 |
| PayPal activity transferred to bank account | TBA |

Director at Large: Jerry.Z W4BFL

Updated members on AED progress with PBC. PBC did onsite visit, will not allow county asset in our shack. There is possibility of donated unit may be available. There was some discussion on IED, IUD, AED etc. Next VE session was February and next session is in May and these are free. Repeaters are working normally and the amplifier is staged to be repaired.

Testing

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

Director at Large: Jeff.S K4BH

Jeff reviewed COVID-19 facts and precautions; use barrier precautions; take zinc which block viruses and follow directions. As a retired RN health professional, Jeff addressed a number of questions. Jeff explained he is a certified instructor and can conduct CPA training. He advised hurricane preparation and actions.

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Repeater Trustee: Lew K4LEW

The 2m repeater is working normally. New amplifier is installed with 50 watts in and 40 watts out. We had stations in Miami and Weston checking into our nets.

Director at Large: George.S WA2VNV

George updated everyone on the satellite tower base status. Rick checked out the 2 rotors donated by Roy K4YV. We will be using the existing equipment. The tower sections were re-galvanized. George has an IC-910H for our satellite operation and reviewed its capabilities. He is asking \$500 for this radio and the balance of \$350 is a club donation. Next part of the project is antennas and feedlines. Hoping this will be ready for summer Field Day. Need volunteers to assist in the next phase.

Old Business

The following items covered:

- Next BRARA meeting is Tuesday 7-April-2020 at the WPB Boca Library on RT441
- Testing session [CLICK FMI](#)

New Business

- Reviewed November meeting, elections and possible different venue
- Check out Boca community facility c/o Ralph
- Reviewed status of station 1 and 3 use, setup, documentation, backup, training, separate logons
- Per Mike W2RT please do not change station configuration, see him if questions
- For Field Day will be testing all station well before the event
- Reviewed plans for election of directors and officers for 2021
- Jay N2ELG updated everyone on the DMR class, email him n2elg@comast.net for details and needs

Adjournment

With no further association business, motion to adjourn by Jeff.S K4BH and 2nd by Jay N2ELG and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6.58pm local time.

Presentation

George presented HF remote operation

Respectfully submitted,
John Cole N1QFH, Secretary