

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSN January 3, 2017

Minutes of meeting held January 3, 2017 at the West Boca Library. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:02 PM. There were 41 members present.

Secretary's Report

The secretary read the minutes of the November meeting. The minutes were approved as read via motion by Dennis Gershwin, seconded by Art Lewis.

It was announced that our next quarterly VE testing sessions are scheduled for February 9, May 10, August 10, and November 9, 2017.

It was announced that training for the Extra class license upgrade will be held on the weekends of 2/25 and 3/4.

President's Report

Gerry discussed moving forward with the purchase of three bandpass filters for the club station. The estimated cost is \$74 each. It is likely that the filters will be paid for by member donations.

Dolf Holmes has provided the club with several articles he has written on tips for new hams. Sherri will use these as a basis for discussion topics on the New Hams Net.

A motion to reschedule the New Hams Net to Wednesday evenings was voted by show of hands and failed to pass. The net therefore remains on Monday evening.

John Q suggested that while the Sunday evening DMR net remains open to all amateurs, the club should be listed as sponsoring the net. There was some discussion but no vote was taken.

Several club badges remain unclaimed. Anyone who ordered and did not receive theirs should contact Gerry.

Highlights of the December newsletter were reviewed.

VP Report

Art reported that the Rules and By-Laws Committee changes are under review by the committee.

Mike Seigel has given a Yaesu FT-1000MP to the club. Our members express their thanks for Mike's generous donation.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported a treasury balance of \$3345.57 as of 12/31.

Donation letters are in progress.

Acceptance of the treasurer's report was moved by John Q and seconded by Dennis G.

Repeater Trustee

Lew reports that all repeaters are working and the new 2M antenna continues to produce good results.

A brief loss of power took down the 2M repeater for a few hours, but operation has been restored with no apparent damage.

Technical Facilities

No report was given.

Awards and Contests

Our Logbook of the World account new has a total of 2690 confirmed as of 1/3/2017. Since last reported, we have confirmed two new countries. At present there are 96 countries confirmed on 20M, placing us close to single-band DXCC on that band. We are close to single-band WAS on 15M (need only West Virginia) and 40M (need 5 states).

Monk Apollo will be active this week (first week of January) as SV2ASP/A.

Old Business

None

New Business

The status of the Radio Amateur Parity Act was briefly discussed.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Barry Porter and seconded by Art Lewis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm local time.

Following adjournment, a presentation on aircraft communications was given by Bob Furtaw.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary