

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSN March 8, 2017

Minutes of meeting held March 8, 2017 at the West Boca Library. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:01 PM. There were 27 members present.

Secretary's Report

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Jeff Stahl and seconded by Art Lewis. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

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

It was announced that Extra class upgrade training will be held on the weekends of April 29-30 and May 5-6.

President's Report

Gerry announced that the bandpass filters for 40m and 20m have been purchased and delivered.

A summary of the club's weekly nets was given. Gerry also discussed the need for alternate NCS operators for each net. It was also announced that the coverage area for the Sunday evening DMR net has been substantially increased by the inclusion of additional networks.

A welcome committee has been created to plan outreach events and to ensure that newcomers and visitors to the shack are properly greeted and included in our activities. The initial appointees to the committee are AA1EE, K1TQ, KO4XL and WA2NTW.

VP Report

Art reported that the Rules and By-Laws Committee changes are under review by the committee and will be presented at the next general meeting.

Art also discussed the proposed disposition of equipment that was recently donated by the family of Ed Oleksak, W1UY (SK). He indicated that first priority will be given to current needs at our station. Second, equipment will be offered to members in need at a substantial discount. Any remaining items will be sold on ebay or one of the ham trading nets.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported a treasury balance of \$5091.78 as of 2/28/17. This does not include two additional payments which have been received since that date.

Patrick also reported a current total of 78 paid members for 2017.

Repeater Trustee

Lew reports that all repeaters are working.

Technical Facilities

The county has advised us that we may continue to use their storage shed, provided that we clean up and organize the items currently stored there.

Awards and Contests

It was announced that N4BRF has completed single-band DXCC on 20 meters.

Old Business

Larry Libsch announced that N4BRF had participated in the recent CQ WW RTTY contest and achieved a score in excess of 1.5 million points.

Jeff Stahl announced that the Broward clubs will be having a barbecue and radio day on March 25, starting at 10:00am. BRARA members are invited to attend and participate.

New Business

Nelson Winter will operate a one-day DXpedition to the Dry Tortugas National Park on April 21st.

Shakira Maragh announced that she is working with Walt to establish a mentorship program between BRARA members and students at FAU.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Jeff Stahl and seconded by Mark Wohlschlegel. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm local time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary