

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION October 4, 2016

Minutes of meeting held October 4, 2016 at the South PBC library on US-441. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:00 PM. There were 16 members present, including all 7 board members.

Secretary's Report

The secretary read the minutes of the September meeting. The minutes were approved as read via motion by Art, seconded by John Q.

It was announced that our quarterly VE testing session would take place per schedule on November 10th at 7pm local at Patch Reef Park. Future VE 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 in January, 2017, date TBD.

It was also announced that a Scout training day is being planned for a date TBD in November or December.

President's Report

Gerry announced that Patrick McFadden has volunteered to assume the duties of treasurer and complete the term vacated by Marcos Raijer.

It was announced that the weekly Spanish language net was seeking additional participation.

It was announced that due to the Library being occupied by early voting, the November meeting would take place at the club station.

Gerry is seeking fundraising ideas to complete the purchase of the new antenna for the 145.29 repeater.

VP Report

Art reported that the Rules and By-Laws Committee has completed its mark-up, which is in the hands of the BRARA secretary. A draft of our new bylaws is forthcoming.

Patrick has been appointed to replace Marcos on the Finance Committee.

Treasurer's report

Patrick reported cash on hand of \$3532.21.

A new date and location are being sought for the holiday party.

Repeater Trustee

Lew reported that all repeaters are working.

Lew also reported that the repeater will be reconnected to emergency power.

Technical Facilities

Wednesday morning's work session will be focused on preparing the station for the approach of hurricane Matthew.

Awards and Contests

It was a quiet month, but additional QSLs were received for 2013 and 2016 Field Day.

A new QSL was also received for Anguilla.

Old Business

Dates for upcoming testing and ham fests were announced.

New Business

Barry Porter indicated that 3 Red Cross shelters would be opened in Palm Beach County for hurricane Matthew, and that volunteer operators are needed to staff them.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Art Lewis and seconded by John Q. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm local time.

Following adjournment, a presentation was given by Gerry on DMR basics.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary