

MINUTES BOCA RATON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION September 6, 2016

Minutes of meeting held September 6, 2016 at the South PBC library on US-441. The meeting was called to order by our President at 7:02 PM. There were 32 members present, including 5 of 7 board members.

President's Report

Gerry announced that Marcos had resigned as treasurer due to ill health, and that the board is currently seeking a new treasurer.

During roll call, new members were invited to indicate their areas of interest so that they could be introduced to other members with similar interests.

The intent was announced to obtain bandpass filters for the club station before Field Day 2017.

It was announced that the weekly nets normally held on Monday evening would not be held on October 3 due to the religious holiday. The DMR net and the Spanish language net were reported as going well.

VP Report

Art reported that the Rules and By-Laws Committee and the Finance Committee would both be meeting and that a draft of our new bylaws would be forthcoming.

The planned meeting of the finance committee has been deferred due to Marcos' resignation.

Treasurer's report

There was no treasurer's report.

Secretary Report

The secretary read the minutes of the August meeting, which were approved as read.

The upcoming JOTA event on the weekend of October 14th was discussed. Our club will operate JOTA from the club station on Saturday the 15th, and will also provide a station for the JOTA event at the Boy Scout camp in Tequesta. Additional participants are needed for both activities.

Bruce reiterated the need for all members to both subscribe to the Yahoo! group and opt-in to the MailChimp email list in order to receive all club announcements, newsletters and reminders.

Members were also encouraged to participate in the Skywarn Youth Net on Sunday evenings.

Repeater Trustee

Low reported that all repeaters are working.

A new antenna is needed to improve coverage on the 2m repeater, at a cost of \$979. A fundraising drive is underway to obtain the money for the antenna. Several contributions have already been received, but the majority of the funds still need to be raised.

Technical Facilities

The Icom IC-7600 was sent to the manufacturer to address the antenna T/R switching issue. We are still awaiting their results.

The microwave link on the VHF tower has been determined to be defective and will be RMA'd. The second pair of microwave dishes has been set up as an interim replacement.

Awards and Contests

Ed reported that no new countries have been confirmed for N4BRF. Electronic QSLs continue to arrive for all Field Days. The list of needed HF entities has been posted in the HF room.

Old Business

Dates for upcoming testing and ham fests were announced.

New Business

Gerry has reached out to our section's new Affiliated Club Coordinator and invited him to visit our shack and/or attend our meeting.

Adjournment

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

Following adjournment, a presentation was given by Jeff Cutcher KB2LDT on the DV4mini SDR device.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ratoff, Secretary