

Bonac Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting

May 28th, 2015

Nat Raynor brought meeting to order at 6:10 PM, with Pledge to our Flag.

Martin Croke read minutes of last meeting, dated April 23rd , 2015. Marshall Helfand made motion to accept minutes as read, Eddie Schnell second. All were in favor.

Martin Croke read treasurer's report provided by Jerome Tauber. (Treasurer not present.) Our checking account balance is \$2,128.63. We collected \$675.87 in dues to date. Total cash assets is \$2,413.95. (We have \$305.32 in Paypal account.) Eleven members from last year have not paid their dues to date. Eddie Schnell made motion to accept treasurer's report as read. Cliff Kalfaian second. All were in favor.

Old Business

Nat mentioned he is awaiting a return phone call, in reference to "Coast Guard Station", Club Station project.

Martin mentioned that the order for "Club Gear", polo shirts/sweat jackets and baseball caps closes after this meeting. Anyone needing to place order should see him at end of meeting. Coffee Mugs were on hand to be sold too.

Nat Raynor gave Club corporate book/stamp, 2" stack of new Club QSL cards, some previously "received QSL cards", and a old Club binder to Martin Croke. This was all the stuff we had been looking for for last 6 months.

New Business

Field Day discussion ensued.

Nat asked that he and Eddie be put on website (and provided phone numbers) for Field Day contact information.

Martin stated he has registered us on ARRL.

Matt Studderheim made motion to keep Field Day at "East Overlook" in Montauk. Eddie Schnell second. All were in favor.

Marshall Helfand made motion to use "bucket truck" for 20 meter beam again. Second by Cliff Kalfaian. All were in favor.

Discussion ensued about using Isaac's van again to get equipment to Field Day. Marshall made motion to give Isaac "free membership" for use of his van. Second by Eddie Schnell. All were in favor.

Nat Raynor asked for a "Field Day budget". Eddie Schnell made motion for budget to be approximately \$150.00, second by Marshall Helfand. All were in favor.

Nat Raynor mentioned he bought a "mast kit" at Dayton. Marshall Helfand made motion to buy that mast kit for \$80.00. Eddie Schnell second. All were in favor.

It was stated that we need “two crews” the morning of Field Day to help get equipment to Field Day site. One crew at Nat's office in Easthampton, the other crew at the Montauk Firehouse Substation, on Second House Road. A time to meet at each place was accepted to be 10 am.

Martin stated he would contact Steve Akkala in reference to Public Relations. He would also contact Jerome Tauber to be sure our Club insurance is in place.

It was determined that we would be a “2A” station again, with GOTA and possible free VHF station on 6 meters. The antenna's talked about being brought out was the 20 meter beam, 40/80 meter dipole, an OCF dipole and 6 meter dipole that actually goes on small mast. Tom Vanasco said he had ground rod and wire to bring. Cliff stated he had solar panels and batteries. Geo stated he would be running “digital”. Martin stated he had an email from Tom Metz, saying he would be at Field Day to do some “CW”.

Nat had mentioned members should be responsible to bring their own headsets.

A work session for Sunday, June 7th, at 11am, at Nat's office was scheduled to go over equipment.

Marshall recognized Eddie for his finishing college and all the work he has done over the years for the Club. A round of applause was given.

Javier Salazar stated he was not getting any Club emails.

Marshall asked about doing a NET on 3.820 +/- . Martin to send out email to see who had interest and what day of week, and time, would be best for those that had interest.

Tom mentioned getting “Hicks Island”, off Lazy Point in Amagansett, listed on the “US Island List”. Everyone thought this was a good idea for future radio operations.

Nat, Geo and Sid gave a Dayton report. A lot of fun...a lot of vendors. Geo showed us his Motorola Apex 7000 and rig runner he purchased out at Dayton.

Martin received \$25.00 in dues from Harvey Bennett and Javier Salazar. Harvey also bought three mugs. John Watson one mug, Tom Vanasco one mug., Geo one mug. Mugs were \$5.00 each.

Nat left with eight mugs, two of which were owed to Justin. Martin has eighteen at home.

Matt made motion for adjournment at 7:05 pm.. Second by Eddie. All in favor.

Following meeting, Marshall showed us his “improved Balun” he has been working on. Geo tried to do a presentation on Mesh Networking, but was cut short due to technical difficulty.

In attendance: Martin Croke, KC2SWB ; Matt Stutterheim, KD2BXA ; Geovanny Pelaez, KD2FUS ; Nat Raynor, N2NEI ; Marshall Helfand, W2FID ; Cliff Kalfaian, N2GYI ; John Watson, K2BKR; Eddie Schnell, KC2TGD; Tom Vanasco, AG3B; Javier Salazar, KC2MXH; Sid Fields, N2ZLL; Cliff Kalfaian, N2GYI; Harvey Bennett, KB2YEK, Tony Lambert, KC2PRN.

These minutes recorded by Martin Croke, Secretary of Bonac Amateur Radio Club.