

# **Bonac Amateur Radio Club**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

### **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Martin Croke brought meeting to order at 6:15 PM, with Pledge to our Flag.

Martin Croke read minutes of last meeting, dated May 28th , 2015. Marshall Helfand made motion to accept minutes as read, Matt Studderheim second. All were in favor.

Jerome Tauber presented Treasurer's Report. Our checking account balance is \$2,128.63, as of 5/31/2015. Jerry received \$80.00 from Martin that was paid at previous meeting. ( Dues from Harvey and Javier, and mug sales. ) Jerry stated he recently paid \$320.00, to Marsh...for Club insurance. Steve Casko made motion to accept treasurer's report as read. Marshall Helfand second. All were in favor.

#### **Old Business**

Field Day discussion ensued. Martin stated that he had heard from Tom Vanesco. Tom was not able to make Field Day, as he previously comitted to, due to personal circumstances. Martin stated weather for Field Day looks "wet". Eddie stated "E-Z tents will not hold up with predicted weather. Eddie stated Nat has secured the Montauk Fire House, as a back-up if need be. We do have the use of Isaac's van. Eddie mentioned that the drawback with the firehouse is that it is in "a bit of a hole ". Beam maybe only effective antenna. Martin stated he had called U-haul in Easthampton, by the train station. As of this afternoon, a 17 foot box truck was available. Rate was \$29.95 for weekend, plus \$1.89 each mile. Martin measured the distance between "overlook" and train station, to be 34 miles round trip. Mike at U-haul, stated that where he is closed on Sunday...he does not charge extra for hours beyond 24...as long as truck is on his lot when he opens Monday morning. Steve Bianchi stated under the circumstances, he was not opposed to the Club renting U-haul at stated rate. Steve made motion to rent the 17 foot U-haul. Second by Steve Casko. All were in favor. BUT, IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT STEVE BIANCHI TALK TO NAT, TO SEE IF EASTHAMPTON COMMUNICATIONS TRUCK WAS AVAIBLE. Martin to receive phone call before 9 am tomorrow. ( Note: 9:30 PM on 5/25...Steve Bianchi had text from Nat. Nat was against renting U-haul. )

Marshall made mention that we may want to re-think using Teddy Roosevelt Park next year. People bringing radio's to Field Day are: Geo, Nat (not present ), Cliff and Martin. Martin bringing Icom 7200 and antenna for 6 meters. Martin stated he had called ARRL in reference to "GOTA". GOTA can be used by any "un-liscenced individual". It can be used by a "relatively inactive HAM". A HAM that maybe on repeaters only or makes very few HF contacts. GOTA station can also be a "digital mode station".

#### **New Business**

Jerome gave Martin "Club Membership Cards". Everyone at meeting received one. Cards will be handed out at events and meetings. No cards to be mailed out.

Club insurance: As stated in Treasurer's report \$320 was paid to Marsh Insurance. Our premium has not changed. However, ARRL now uses a company called "Mays Insurance". Jerome stated he would

call May's, to compare rates. Policy was on-hand to be reviewed. It looks like “director's vehicles”, maybe covered at Club events, but not members. Steve Bianchi made motion to see if we could get “member vehicles covered at Club events”. Second by Eddie Schnell. All were in favor.

Martin stated he had called ARRL to inquire about “radio” insurance. It can be gotten thru a company called Risk Stratagies. ( 1-866-819-0209 ) Rate is \$1.40 per hundred dollars. \$20 minimum premium. With a \$50.00 deductible. Radio's are not covered for “normal wear” or theft. Insurance can be had both as an individual or Club. See more at arrlinsurance.com Jerry was going to follow-up.

Martin stated at previous meetings, Club had stated it would pay for any Club member radio that was damaged at one of our events. Jerome asked for “new resolution” on this. Steve Bianchi made motion that any member radio damaged at a Club event, be repaired at the cost of the Club. Second Eddie Schnell. All were in favor

Jerome told us that ALL the Club Tax Exemptions are now in place. Martin stated he recently used it to purchase “Club Gear”.

Tony mentioned one of his friends, Robert Dunkirk, was going to be studying to get a “drone pilot's liscence”. ( Phone number provided. )

Steve Bianchi bought one Club mug. ( Martin must give \$5.00 to Jerry. ) Jerry had taken four mugs, said he would deposit \$20.00 into Club account.

“Club Gear” was handed out to those present. Steve Casco has one shirt yet to come, due to error by Atlantic Coast Embroidery. Note: Club members paid Martin directly. Martin then paid via his credit card.

Steve Bianchi made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 PM. Second by Marshall Helfand. All in favor.

**In attendance:** Martin Croke, KC2SWB ; Matt Stutterheim, KD2BXA ; Geovanny Pelaez, KD2FUS ; Marshall Helfand, W2FID ; Cliff Kalfaian, N2GYI ; John Watson, K2BKR; Eddie Schnell, KC2TGD; ; Javier Salazar, KC2MXH; Tony Lambert, KC2PRN; Steve Casco, W2SFC; Jerome Tauber, WA2YMR

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