

**Bonac Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of Regular Meeting
and
Minutes of Annual Business Meeting
October 22, 2015**

The regular business meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Steve Akkala, VicePresident with pledge to the flag.

Minutes of Meeting August 27, 2015 :

Steve Akkala made motion to accept minutes as posted on Club website. Minutes were on-hand for review. Steve Bianchi second. All were in favor. Steve Akkala suggested we do this format in future to save time. (Minutes can be 3 or more pages long!)

Treasurer's Report:

Tabled until Annual Meeting begins tonight.

Old Business:

- We must put together list of Club “inventory”.
- Coast Guard Station progress: We believe Nat may be “in-talks”.

New Business:

-Marshall made motion to return Field Day to “Third House” in Montauk. (Theodore Roosevelt State Park.) Discussion ensued. Negative of poor public visibility was brought up. Positive's of cabins for really bad weather. It was stated that there is a fee for this site. We must start processing paperwork in March 2016. Dick White is usually helpful. It was stated that we can get the bucket truck in, to use for our big beam. Marshall renewed motion. Steve Bianchi gave second on motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

-Marshall stated he is disturbed by our drop in membership. We must find new members! Discussion ensued. A video for local television was suggested. (Sidney Fields stated he could help with this.) More WLNG Radio advertisement. Do a technician's class again. We need new members! We need more people on the radio!

-Marshall at this time wanted to acknowledge Nat Raynor, not only as Past-President, but for all he has done for the Bonac Amateur Radio Club over the years. A round of applause was given. Thank You Nat.

-Martin brought up the issue of giving "Free Membership" within the Club. He stated we are a small Club, and need the revenue. He also stated he believed this will eventually cause internal conflict, with "someone's feeling being hurt". He stated we have "many members who have contributed to our small Club. Martin made a motion to "prohibit the Club from giving future free memberships". Cliff gave second. Everyone was in favor, except Steve Casco, who believed the Club could deal with this issue on a "case by case basis". Motion carried.

-Steve Akkala questioned if membership dues should have a "time deadline" in order to vote in annual elections. Many think it strange that a member can pay dues in September...and vote in October...possibly without ever attending a Club function. Discussion ensued. Martin stated he does not see the need for bylaw changes by Jerry, on this issue...especially since we have a hard time getting anyone within Club to run for office. Dues must be paid before annual meeting. No motions were made in regard to this subject.

- MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE "NOMINATING COMMITTEE" IN FUTURE ELECTIONS - THE MEMBERSHIP WILL ELECT DIRECTORS AND THE DIRECTORS WILL APPOINT OFFICERS OF THE CLUB PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE BIANCHI AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Steve Bianchi made motion to adjourn our regular meeting. Second by Marshall. All were in favor. Time now: 6:57 PM.

Business meeting/ Election of Directors and Officers

Annual business meeting/elections brought to order by Vice-President Steve Akkala at 6: 57 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

Jerry presented everyone with copy of annual treasurer's report. This is summary:

Summary –

Total assets last year as of end of October 2014 were \$ 1,769.48 as opposed to \$ 2,315.30 for end of October 2015. That represents an increase in cash assets of \$545.82. End of October 2013 was \$ 1,734.24. Most of the increase is due to savings on expenditures for Field Day and Holiday parties. Dues collection was actually down. In 2014 we collected \$1,090.00 and in 2015 we collected \$895.87. Both of these figures include a \$200 donation as well as mug purchases. The decrease was due to lower membership and the fact that we did not send out a mailing for dues but rather emailed members and asked them to pay dues online which resulted in fewer dues payments. In 2014 we had 32 paid full members and in 2015 we had 27 paid full members. Below is a chart of income for dues since 2007.

-Marshall made motion to accept annual treasurer's report as read (and handed out) .
Second by Steve Bianchi. All were in favor.

Roll Call and Attendance:

Members in attendance: Steve Akkala, Steve Bianchi, Steve Casco, Martin Croke, Sidney Fields, Marshall Helfand, Cliff Kalfaian, Javier Salazar, Jerome Tauber, John Watson.

Members by Proxy: Ken Lockard, Tom Metz, Bob Miller, Nat Raynor, Lynda Raynor, Bill Scheibel, Eddie Schnell, Rob Stein.

Ten members present, Eight by Proxies. Present membership is Twenty Seven.

QUORUM OF MEMBERS ESTABLISHED

-Marshall makes motion to vote in present Board of Directors. They are: Steve Akkala, Jerry Tauber, Marshall Helfand, Nat Raynor and Steve Bianchi. John Watson second.
All were in favor.

The Board of Directors left the room to discuss their appointment of Officers. Upon their return, they suggested the following appointment of Officers:

President – Steve Akkala

Vice – President – Eddie Schnell

Treasurer – Jerry Tauber

Secretary – Martin Croke

Technical Director – Geovanny Pelaez

Public Relations Director – Sidney Fields

Trustee K2EC Callsign – Cliff Kalfaian

Trustee K2DQ Callsign- Marshall Helfand

-Steve Bianchi made motion to appoint this list of Officers, second by Marshall. All were in favor.

-Marshall made motion to adjourn annual meeting. Second by Steve Casco. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Total in attendance: Martin Croke, Steve Akkala, Cliff Kalfaian, Marshall Helfand, Steve Casco, John Watson, Jerry Tauber, Tullio Croce, Pat Story, Javier Salazar, Sidney Fields.