

Bonac Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of Meeting
January 28, 2016

Meeting brought to order by President, Steve Akkala at 6:05 PM. at Amagansett Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting, dated November 19th , 2015 were on hand. Minutes had been posted on-line. Nat Raynor made motion to accept minutes “as posted on-line”. Second Geo Pelaez. All in favor.

Jerry Tauber, not present, provided treasurer's report: Our account ending balance as of was \$2,485.30. Most of 2016 dues is still in Paypal

* Note: Martin received \$25.00 from new member, Robert Kittine and \$25.00 from Harvey Bennett. This was for dues 2016. Martin also collected \$25.00 for five mugs that were sold. Martin deposited the money via Paypal, the next day.

Old Business

Club Inventory: Nat stated “work in progress”. Nat reminded, we need storage space for the Club equipment.

Coast Guard Station: Discussion ensued. No one knows exactly what is at “Old Coast Guard Station” at this time. Does it have heat or running water? Nat stated we should proceed slowly, and we may have to acquire some “vintage radio's”. Steve Akkala stated he would try to swing by there.

Holiday Party: Party was deemed a success, despite small turn-out. NO CLUB FUNDS WERE USED FOR ANY CONTEXT OF THIS PARTY. The Club thanked Steve Akkala and John Watson for getting this party together!

Field Day 2016: Discussion ensued. Members at this time seem torn between the “visibility” to the public at the East Overlook, and the benefit of the “cabin's” at Teddy Roosevelt. Nat also mentioned there is less “paperwork” involved in using the Overlook. It was agreed we would wait until Field Day gets “a little closer”. Eddie stated he would check to see if the “big tent” is available, should we need it. Eddie also stated he can make bigger Club banner.

New Business

The Club welcomed new member, Robert Kittine (WA2YDV)

Steve Akkala, who attended Ham Radio University, said it was good, but much of the same seminars.

2016 Dues: Steve Akkala stated after discussion among the Officers and the Board of Directors, the dues schedule for 2016 is \$25.00. **ANYONE PAYING DUES AFTER JUNE 1, 2016, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 LATE FEE.** Family members, within a household can be added at \$5.00 per family member. Martin stated he would email out “notice of dues change”.

Club Meeting Location: Martin stated he had called Bridgehampton and Southampton Public Library's. Neither library could “promise” a “set day” each month. Their programs have “priority”. Southampton Hospital is not an easy location for meetings due to parking and overall access. Martin was told Bridgehampton National Bank, in Bridgehampton has a “community room”. Martin called there and was told we would have NO ISSUES, in securing Thursday at 6 PM., as needed. Martin stated he “clocked it” driving out today. It was exactly 9 miles...and twenty minutes from Amagansett Library to Bridgehampton National Bank. Martin wondered if having two meeting places could cause confusion. Guys showing up at wrong meeting location. Also it would make Club Fliers, to draw new members, a little tough to print up without being confusing. Nat stated he did not see an issue, and thinks having a meeting to the west, once in a while, was a good idea. Eddie said he has been in the bank's “community room” and it is very nice. After discussion, it was stated we would wait and keep our options open. Harvey told us he thinks are Club is strong, and fun. He stated we should not “panic” because we are losing a few members.

Boy Scouts: Justin informed us about a “Spring Camporee” that will be in Yaphank in April, on 15th, 16th and 17th. Justin told us the number of Scouts in East Hampton is very low. Eddie explained how the “Merit Badge” system in Scouting works. Justin also stated he has a “good relationship” within the Montauk schools.

LTV: Martin mentioned this meeting was advertised on the LTV channel, in East Hampton, for the first time. We would also like to make a video to be aired on LTV. Eddie mentioned he has a “studio” at his employ that he can probably use. Both Geo and Sid were willing to help with this project. We would like to see something on LTV in June, just before Field Day.

Next month's meeting: Next month's meeting will be at the Amagansett Public Library. Our “Section Manager”, James Mezey, W2KFV, will be in attendance to answer any questions. Many of our

members have "ARES" related questions. Nat asked for a show of hands, on who was willing to be part of Easthampton Town ARES. Nat mentioned FEMA course's online are free.

Dayton 2016: Many of our members are going! One room is still available, through Nat.

Club Mailing Address: The Club mailing address must be changed from the Montauk PO BOX. Geo offered his box in Southampton. All were in agreement to the change.

A motion was made by Steve Casco to adjourn meeting. Second by Geo. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. Many went to dinner after meeting.

Steve Akkala had his Elecraft KX3, with it's PX3 (band scope) hooked up to the Alpha antenna.

<http://www.elecraft.com/KX3/kx3.htm>

<http://www.elecraft.com/PX3/px3.htm>

<http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/11272>

In attendance: KC2SWB, Martin Croke ; N2NEI, Nat Raynor ; W2SFC, Steve Casco ; KC2TGD, Eddie Schnell ; KD2CJW, Steve Akkala ; AB2GO , Geovanny Pelaez ; K2BKR, John Watson; N2ZLL, Sidney Field; WA2YDV, Robert Kittine, KB2YEK, Harvey Bennett; N2XHX, Justin Raynor.

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