

BARC June 2008

Minutes of monthly meeting at the Amagansett Library

6:03 PM local time, Cliff, N2GYI, started the meeting and call for the BARC Secretary to read the minutes from the last meeting.

The minutes were read and several corrections or additions were offered and entered.

The treasury report was read by Wayne, WS2X: Beginning balance was \$1839.88. The renewal of the club's insurance policy costs were \$320.00 for the year, three more paid memberships were collected, and EHHS issued a check to the club for the classes we gave for \$312.00. It was noted that there are 22 paid up members in BARC. Balance of \$1891.88 to date.

Skywarn classes are on hold for now.

FD08 meeting last week reported only six people showed. There was an invitation from PARC to join them for FD08. An anonymous letter sent to the Cliff, was read with several interesting points about FD.

Town of East Hampton ID cards were handed out: AREC.

**DUES ARE DUE!**

Two events are coming up: National Lighthouse Weekend, August 2 and 3 and International Lighthouse Weekend, August 23 and 24. (Who's going to try and herd the cats?)

SMALL IS LIGHT AND LIGHT IS RIGHT - Marshall, W2FID, started his presentation with a discussion about the difference between Disaster and Emergency Communications; EC is a much more formal, organized arena, while DC is a wildly dynamic episode.

W2FID's first event was in 1963 with the Alaskan earthquake of 9.+. . . a bummer that killed 1600+ people in a then sparsely populated state.

He spent some time going over his jump kit that featured an Atlas HF radio (simple, reliable and rugged). Marshall pointed out "Spiderwire" for getting a dipole wire up into trees. He stressed importance of large alligator clips to use on car batteries – an offering that disasters' leave you with...!

W2FID best story is his role in the Italian earthquake of 1980. Just before Thanksgiving a devastating quake wiped out a whole town and instantly killed 3500 people near Naples. Marshall just happened to be monitoring 20 meters and heard a report between two DX stations and that was the beginning of five unforgettable days in his life. Marshall's talk was exciting and emotional and our group learned a lot from his experiences. Thanks for sharing your thoughts with us, W2FID. Experience talks BIG.

Jerry suggested videoing talks like 'FID's because it was filled with wonderful gems and could be passed along in video form for others to learn from.

Meeting closed at 7:46.

Note: After the chairs were put away and people were leaving, there was a motion to donate \$100.00 to PARC made, seconded and voice-passed. I understand there was a check issued also. This should have been done during the meeting and no reason was given for this donation. Keep in mind that that was five members' yearly dues given out without a discussion.

At attendance: Eddie, KC2TGD; Nat, N2NEI; Jerry, WA2TMR; Ken, KC2TJK; Paul, W2PL; Marshall, W2FID; Cliff, N2GYI; Tony, KC2PRN; Javier, KC2MXH; Bob, KC2KUL; Warren, N2CNH (first meeting attended), Burt, KA2L.