

BONAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Minutes of Meeting

Place: Amagansett Public Library
Date: February 26, 2009

In Attendance: Nat Raynor, N2NEI; Javier Salazar, KC2MXH (via web video); Wayne Schoenbrun, WB2S; Jerome Tauber, WA2YMR; Paul Lindgrin, K2PL; Cliff Kalfaian, N2GYI; Charles Schell, KC2TYY; Al Mortensen, KC2PRS; Bill Akala, K4NL; Stephen Bianchi, (awaiting call sign); Ken Galanty, K2TJK; E Schnell, KC2TGD, Isaac Tilstra KC2UOR

Excused absence: Burt VanDeusen, KA2L,

Meeting was called to order at 1800 EST by the President, Wayne Schoenbrun, WB2S. In the absence of the secretary the treasurer, WA2YMR took the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the president in absence of the Secretary and were unanimously approved..

Treasurers Report: The following report was made by the Treasurer, Jerome Tauber:

1. Checking \$2,071.88 as of January 1, 2009
2. Debits \$157.40 for Holiday Party 01/06/09
3. Credits \$40 dues payment Schell and Bianchi 02//04/09

Dues payment (fiscal) year will be changed to calendar year from current June 1 date. Members will be billed for \$10 dues as of June 1 for second half of 2009. Thereafter dues will be billed as of January 1, 2009 and will continue at \$20 annually. Those who already paid \$20 dues for current fiscal year in 2009 will have the \$10 second half waived.

Presidents Report:

Wayne reported that at a VE session prior to the meeting at 5PM Steve Bianchi passed the Technician License exam and Eddie Schnell passed the Amateur Extra Exam. Congratulations to both of them. K2PL, N2NEI and N2GYI were the VE's. It was moved by the President and approved (with one no vote by K2PL) that VE sessions will be given at 5 PM prior to each meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month. Those wishing to be examined must give prior notice (no walk ins unless an exam is scheduled). If no exam is scheduled the session will be cancelled. Eddie will put a notice on our website and the President will list it with ARRL.

President reported that we are still not listed on the ARRL/NLI website but should be shortly.

Next month the discussion topic will be Setting Up an HF Station. Speaker will be Isaac who recently purchased a station from one of our members, Dick McGowen. He will bring in the equipment. The following month, May, Jerry will talk about digital signal processing.

Membership Cards: Nat suggested that we have BONAC ARC membership cards. Jerry suggested that to keep down the cost we design and print them ourselves. The idea was approved. Treasurer will ask Burt, KA2L to design a card.

Breaks: Paul suggested we take a five minute break during the meetings. It was agreed that there would be a 5 minute break between the business and presentation portion of the meeting when possible..

Field Day 09: Wayne reported that our request to hold FD 09 at the Theodore Roosevelt County park was approved subject to our filing an application with insurance to the County on the amount of \$2million per occurrence. Jerry reported that our current insurance is \$1 million per occurrence with a \$2 million aggregate. He said that our carrier would not increase this amount and that he is waiting for the cost of additional insurance form a local agent. Wayne made a motion to approve this with a cap of \$100 for additional insurance. If the amount is greater we will see if the County will accept our current insurance and if not will look for another location.

Fall Classes at the Montauk School: Jerry reported that he spoke to the director of the Montauk adult ed program, Karen Leonardo and that it was too late for the Winter session and there is no Spring session but she would put us on for the fall if we requested. Nat will see if the EH Training room is available for additional classes. It was suggested that notices be sent to WLNG, WLIU, Star, Press and Independent and 27 East Web Site.

Javier on Video: We then viewed a recorded video presentation by Javier (KC2MXH) who showed his shack and antenna setup in Costa Rico. We then went to a live video conference arranged by Wayne and set up by Eddie Schnell. Audio was excellent and presentation very interesting including views from Javier's roof.

ARRL International Phone Contest: There was a discussion about participating as a club in the ARRL phone contest in March. There was little interest but Paul will speak to Rod, NU2M, as he has expressed the most interest in the past.

Presentation on Soldering: N2GYI and N2NEI then gave a live demo on soldering. First a web site video on Soldering a PL259 connector was watched followed by a live demo by Cliff and Nat. They showed the use of various soldering tools including a pen, gun, iron and variable temperature iron.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2000 EST until the 4th Thursday of March, 2009.

Jerome Tauber, in the absence of the Secretary