

**Bonac Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of Regular Meeting
and
Minutes of Annual Business Meeting
October 23, 2014**

The regular business meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by Nat Raynor President, with pledge to the flag.

Minutes of Meeting August 28, 2014:

The minutes of meeting dated August 28, 2014 were read. Steve Casco made a motion to accept the minutes and this motion was seconded by Marshall Helfand. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Jerry Tauber (Treasurer) was unable to attend and submitted a treasurer's report to Nat Raynor. A brief report was provided. As of December 18, 2013, the Club checking account balance was \$999.30. As of September 9, 2014, the Club checking account balance was \$1,767.00. Marshall Helfand asked for a "surplus" to be noted at this time. Motion was made by Steve Casco to approve treasurer's report. This motion was seconded by Marshall Helfand. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Nat Raynor asked Martin Croke to provide a brief report to the members concerning the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air that he attended in Hampton Bays.

Marshall Helfand explained that at last year's annual meeting, a five member board was discussed. Marshall Helfand made a motion to amend the current by-laws from four to five directors. Steve Bianchi seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Discussion ensued regarding the present configuration of Club directors and officers in the present by-laws. This topic was also discussed last year. Marshall Helfand made a motion that a change be made to the current by-laws that directors do not have to be officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), but officers could be directors. Steve Casco seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Discussion ensued concerning membership voting rights. Marshall Helfand made a motion that the Club by-laws reflect that only a fully paid member (not a family member) have a right to vote. Presently, family members of a fully paid member pay a lesser amount of membership dues. Family members would not have a right to vote at any

time having not paid the full dues amount. Nat Raynor seconded this motion and all were in favor.

It was agreed that the Club kindly request Jerry to amend the by-laws accordingly.

New Business:

Nat Raynor asked Steve Akkala to provide a report on his most recent attendance at the AMSAT Convention that he attended this month in Baltimore, MD.

A brief discussion ensued regarding DXing. Martin Croke commented that 10M was wide open and others reported bands were doing well.

Marshall Helfand made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and this motion was seconded by Tom Metz.

All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Business Meeting/Election of Directors and Officers

Nat Raynor opened the annual meeting of the membership by the reading of minutes of last annual meeting dated October 24, 2013. A motion was made by Marshall Helfand to accept minutes of last year's business meeting. Steve Casco seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Nat Raynor requested a quorum call.

Roll Call and Attendance:

In Attendance: Geo Pelaez, Tom Metz, Martin Croke, Steve Akkala, Cliff Kalfaian, Jessica James, Steve Casco, Marshall Helfand, Steve Bianchi, Nat Raynor, Matt Stutterheim, and Sidney Field III. Represented by proxy: Justin Raynor, Jerome Tauber and George Harris. 15 members Quorum confirmed.

After quorum confirmation, Nat Raynor turned the floor over to the nominating committee, club trustees Marshall Helfand and Cliff Kalfaian.

Elections:

Marshall Helfand and Cliff Kalfaian each provided a slate for Directors. Marshall's slate included Nat Raynor, Steve Bianchi, Jerry Tauber, Steve Akkala and Martin Croke. Cliff's slate included Steve Akkala, Nat Raynor, Jerry Tauber, Geo Paleaz and Martin Croke. Martin Croke requested that his name be removed from candidacy as director and suggested Marshall Helfand become a director. Discussion ensued. Martin Croke made a motion nominating Marshall Helfand as a director. Tom Metz seconded this nomination and all were in favor.

Nat Raynor made a motion that the votes be closed written ballots. Steve Bianchi seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Tom Metz made a motion that those common nominees offered by each trustee be voted in by voice vote. Steve Casco seconded this motion and all were in favor. As a result, the following members were elected directors: Nat Raynor, Steve Akkala, Jerry Tauber and Marshall Helfand (see previous motion).

This vote left one director's seat open at which time Martin expressed a willingness to run for the vacant seat as well. Remaining on the trustees slates were Geo Pelaez and Steve Bianchi and Martin Croke was added to these nominees. A closed vote was taken by the membership and Steve Bianchi was voted in as 5th director.

Directors Vote for Officers:

Marshall Helfand made a motion nominating Nat Raynor as President. This motion was seconded by Steve Bianchi. Cliff Kalfaian made a motion nominating Steve Akkala as President. Cliff's motion was not seconded. All were in favor with Nat Raynor as President.

Cliff Kalfaian made a motion nominating Steve Akkala as Vice-President. This motion was seconded by Marshall Helfand and all were in Favor. Steve Akkala was elected Vice-President.

Marshall Helfand made a motion nominating Jerry Tauber as club treasurer, Cliff Kalfaian seconded this motion and all were in favor. Jerry Tauber was elected treasurer.

Steve Bianchi made a motion nominating Martin Croke as secretary and this was seconded by Nat Raynor and all were in favor. Martin Croke was elected Secretary.

Marshall Helfand made a motion for the directors to create a new Officer's position to be known as Technical Director and Steve Bianchi seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Directors agreed to appoint Geo Pelaez to this new position.

Steve Bianchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Cliff Kalfaian and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

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