

**Bonac Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 20th,2014**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Akkala, Vice President at 6;10 PM, with pledge to the flag.

Minutes of Meeting October 23, 2014:

The minutes of meeting dated October 23, 2014 were read. Jerome Tauber made motion to amend the minutes to reflect that the Club's trustee's, have remained the same at our annual business meeting. Trustee's being: Cliff Kalfaian and Marshal Helfand. Motion was second by Steve Bianchi. All were in favor. Then a motion was made by Steve Bianchi to approve amended minutes, second by Sidney Fields...all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Jerome Tauber gave treasurer's report. As of November 20, 2014 account balance was \$1,090.00. This includes dues, mugs sales and a \$200 donation from Bob and Maryann Miller. This is a \$120 surplus over what we had to date at this time in 2013. We had one recent payout of \$53.00 to Steve Akkala, for expenses on Lighthouse Day 2014. Steve Bianchi made motion to accept treasurer's report. Second by Geo Pelaez. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Ratification of Amended By-Laws:

Steve Akkala requested a quorum call.

Roll Call and Attendance:

In Attendance: Geo Pelaez, Martin Croke, Steve Akkala, Steve Bianchi, Matt Stutterheim, Jerome Tauber and Sidney Field III. Represented by proxy: Cliff Kalaian, Nat Raynor, Tom Metz, Marshal Helfand, Steve Casco, Wayne Schoenbrun, Eddie Schnell. 14 member Quorum confirmed.

After quorum confirmation, Amended by-laws were presented. Three changes were: 1) Five Board of Directors and how Directors and Officers can be composed.
2) Only fully paid "family member" has voting right.
3) Created position of technical director.

Steve Bianchi made motion to accept amended by-laws. Second by Sidney Fields. All were in favor. Steve Bianchi ask it be duly noted how much work Jerome Tauber put into amending our Club's by-law's at no charge. Everyone in attendance, thanked Jerome for his hard work to this Club.

New Business:

Due's rate for 2015 : Discussion ensued. Steve Bianchi made motion to leave dues at \$25.00 per individual, with each family member, at same address, being \$5.00 additional. This is the same as in the past. Second was received by Matt Stutterheim. All were in favor.

Matt Stutterheim, ask if we want to make an effort to recruit more members of spanish decent. (This is on evening of our President of United States talking about possible amnesty millions of illegal's.) Discussion ensued. It was determined that we have always been an "all inclusive" Club, with anyone being welcome. Martin Croke stated he would call ARRL and see how they plan to handle licensing.

Our Christmas Party is next month. Discussion ensued. We determined that we love being at the "Olde Boat House", as our first choice. We ask that Nat talk to Burt Van Deusen to see if we would be able to use this venue. Second choice, was determined to be Harbor Grill. Again we ask that Nat Raynor see what dates are available for either location. Matt Stutterheim also mentioned the "community room" at housing complex, maybe useable. We do not have much time to figure this out!

Martin Croke asked, with the new Board of Directors and Officer layout, how do we want to handle listing on Club website. Discussion ensued. Jerry Tauber made a motion to include Officer's, Board of Directors and Trustee's, to be listed on Club website. Second was given by Matt Stutterheim. All were in favor.

Steve Akkala asked about how we can promote our Club more, and possibly bring back some old members. Discussion ensued. Some ideas...letters to be sent to members. Holding another licensing class. Martin Croke stated he would start putting our meetings back on WLNG. It was also mentioned to look into possibly using our local papers, if there is no fee. We also ask that Nat Raynor appoint a new Public Relations person soon.

Steve Akkala mentioned that the sixteenth annual Ham Radio University takes place on Sunday, January 4th, 2015. A few members expressed interest in going to this event. We will get in touch with Steve Akkala to try and get some car pool going!

Steve Bianchi also made note that we should try and get a week-day trip to ARRL headquarters in Newington, Ct. happen.

Discussion ensued on Club website. Steve Akkala mentioned he would like to see a “members only” section on our Club website. Everyone thought this was a great idea. Martin Croke asked that we have two people become knowledgeable about running our website, as best we can, so there is always someone that can run website. It was determined that we would like Eddie Schnell and Geo Pelaez both know how our website works and be sure it is always backed up. We ask that Nat Raynor initiate this action.

Martin Croke asked if we can be sure to setup for efficient Field Day logging, making submitting our logs to ARRL easy and consuming little time. This would include computer networking, in which computer generated log can be submitted to ARRL. Geo Pelaez said he could handle this effort.

The Club Station at the old Coast Guard Station was on our meeting agenda. It was agreed that we table it, until Nat Raynor can be present.

Steve Bianchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Martin Croke and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Following the meeting, Geo Pelaez showed us his “Go-Box”. His setup included what is known as a “Gator Box”, that is a rack system type setup.

<http://www.gatorcases.com/p/29158-1534/g-pror-4u-19>

Geo bought his at www.sweetwater.com. Geo also installed rack mount power accessory made by Furman. His go kit had wheels and is lockable. It's front and back covers remove for a well ventilated setup.

Geo also showed us his Hack RF One, SDR radio application that is produced by Great Scott Gadgets.

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