

Bonac Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting 1/22/2015

The meeting was called to order by Nat Raynor, President, at 6:08 pm; with pledge to the flag.

Martin Croke, Secretary stated he forgot to print out and bring minutes of last meeting in November... but they were posted on the Club website. Nat made motion to forego reading of minutes. Steve Casko agreed, second by Matt Stutterheim. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerome Tauber, treasurer, (not present) provided Nat with a report. As of January 5, 2015, our balance was \$2,104.50. This included five recent due's payment and a donation from the Miller's. Matt Stutterheim made motion to accept treasurer's report as read. Second by Steve Casko. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Martin Croke asked if anyone had come up with ideas on Club logo. Stated he would like to get that issue resolved so he could put together an order for "club gear" this spring. No one had. Nat asked that we forego discussion until future meeting. Martin asked for a email be sent to the membership, asking for input on logo. Nat asked that it also include dues reminder.

Steve Akkala produced two of his " out of pocket " expenses related to the 2014 holiday party. Steve asked to be reimbursed \$74.90, which was only one of his two receipts. Steve Casko made motion to pay Steve \$74.90. Second by Geovanny Pelaez. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Nat made mention of how well we did at "Field Day 2014". In division 2A, we had 1,368 QSO, totalling 3,468 points. This put us in second place for "NLI"...only 2 points behind Larkfield ARC! Lighthouse Day was also mentioned as being successful. Martin mentioned how many QSL Cards these two events have been producing!

Nat made mention that "dues" are due. Martin reminded everyone that you can pay dues "online".

Nat told us he is “NOT GOING” to Orlando's “Hamcation” in February. But, if anyone was interested, they should contact him in reference to the “Raynor Ranch”.

Nat mentioned Dayton Hamfest is only couple months away. If interested, let Nat know so that we can start reserving rooms.

Discussion ensued on upcoming meeting demonstrations. Antenna's seemed to be a popular request.

The Club welcomed newest member, Robert Akkala (Max) and a guest, Jason Nower.

Steve Akkala mentioned we should all try to “bring a friend” to a meeting. It was mentioned that this meeting was announced on WLNG and in the Easthampton Star.

Martin Croke asked about Easthampton ARES and “community service events”. Nat stated the present leadership in Easthampton was not “ pro-amateur radio”, and it is they that must ask for our assistance. Steve Akkala mentioned that at Ham Radio University, it was mentioned by ARRL that course fees were going to be brought down, possibly free, for courses that apply to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications.

Justin Raynor, told us that his son William was doing a project at the Montauk Grade School on 1/23 at app. 3:15 pm. Will's project was “radio communications”. Martin asked if we should send an email out, asking for members to get on the N2NEI repeater at that time. It was agreed upon.

Steve Akkala, brought to Nat's attention that Nat needed to appoint “PR” person. Steve Akkala then stepped up and took that position. One of his first assignments, is to look into a club/repeater roadside sign, which he agreed to do.

Sidney Fields stated he could help out with improving our Club Facebook page. Martin Croke told him he would give Sid necessary passwords.

Steve Bianchi made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:35 pm. Second by Geovanny Pelaez. All were in favor. Martin Croke then provided presentation on “Everything you need to know about QSLing”.

In attendance: Martin Croke, KC2SWB; Steven Akkala, KD2CJW; Steve Casco, W2SFC; Nat Raynor, N2NEI; Sidney Fields, N2ZLL; Matt Stutterheim, KD2BXA; Geovanny Pelaez, KD2FUS; Justin Raynor, N2XHX; Steve Bianchi, K2SRB; Robert Akkala, and Jason Nower.

These minutes recorded by: Martin Croke, secretary Bonac Amateur Radio Club.

