

Bonac Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of Meeting
February 26th, 2015

Steve Akkala, Vice-President brought meeting to order at 6:10 pm, with Pledge to our Flag.

Martin Croke read minutes of last meeting dated January, 22nd, 2015. Steve Casko made motion to accept minutes as read. Second by Matt Studderheim. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Jerome Tauber, not in attendance, had emailed report on February 26th, 2015 @ 12.22pm.

We have collected a total of \$410.87 in dues for 2015 from 10 full and one family member. \$200 of that was a donation from two members and \$5 included the purchase of a mug. We currently have \$179.68 in our Paypal account from dues payments (this is net of Paypal fees of 85 cents per \$25.) which was not yet transferred to checking. Jerome has one check for \$25 in his possession, which has not been deposited. Our checking account balance is currently \$1,968.63 which does not include the undeposited dues check nor the \$179.68 in Paypal. Thus our total cash assets are \$2,173.31. Note that only 10 full members have paid dues for 2015 and one of those is new member, Max Akkala. Since there were objections last year, I will not name names. I do not know if any dues were collected at meetings, but I was not notified of any.

Steve Casko made motion to accept minutes as read. Second by Matt Studderheim. All were in favor.

Old Business

Martin Croke mentioned that email that went out was pretty clear in reference to Club logo. Four members want to “leave it alone”. Two would just add “BARC” below present logo. And one is barking to “put the dog out for adoption”. Martin asked to bring this up at March meeting, hopefully with better attendance than tonight. Martin would like to reach out to membership in beginning of April in reference to “Club Gear”.

Nat Raynor, not in attendance, asked Steve Akkala to mention that membership should contact him in reference to Dayton Hamfest. There are rooms still available.

Nat also mentioned he was going to be talking to Carl Irace in reference to Old Coast Guard Station radio site.

Steve Akkala made note that he has not had time to look into “road side repeater sign.”

Geo mention our Facebook “hits” have increased, thanks to Sid.

It was mentioned that this meeting was heard broadcast on WLNG radio in Sag Harbor.

Martin Croke supplied Steve Bianchi “secretary signed” minutes of both October and November 2014 , for banking, as previously requested. Presented to him at meeting.

New Business

Matt Studderheim made mention of “special space station contact” that could be had on the weekend on 9.6 Mhz.

Steve Akkala mentioned we were asked to do a radio demonstration at the Break Water Yacht Club in Sag Harbor, this Saturday, for the harbors annual "Frostfest". Two members said they would try and attend. (Plus Steve)

Steve Akkala mentioned he bought plastic bin that contains Club paper products...ie...food plates and stuff.

Nat, via Steve Akkala made mention Field Day 2015 will be held at East Overlook, same as last year. All were in agreement. Nat also wanted mentioned to please include your callsign when posting to social media.

Martin Croke made mention that Club website's QSL of the Month was recently changed. If you go to the webpage of Cape May County Amateur Radio Club...our Club is now listed under their links tab...due to them being QSL of the Month.

Martin Croke also mentioned DMR, Digital Mobile Radio is taking off in CT. Steve Casco mentioned one of Suffolk County radio Club's members is soon installing a repeater. Martin mentioned a company called Connect Systems, seem to sell the radio of choice. They work on Hytera and Motorola DRM repeaters, and presently corner 99% of the DMR market. (Mostly because they supply programming software and cable for no charge.) These radio's can provide Networking and Talkgroups. These radio's are said to have gain over a standard repeater.

Steve Akkala received dues check from Matt Studderheim at this meeting.

At 6:50 pm, Steve Bianchi requested adjournment. Geo Pelaez Second. All were in favor.

In Attendance: Martin Croke, KC2SWB; Steve Akkala, KD2CJW; Steve Casco, W2SFC; Geo Pelaez, KD2FUS; Matt Studderheim, KD2BXA; Steve Bianchi, K2SRB; Sidney Fields. N2ZLL

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