

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee Summary

Greetings,

The following information is a summary of the discussion and decisions made at the BAARC Executive Committee meeting held January 20, 2018. The actual minutes for the meeting are available from the club secretary B. Engler/KG5MSM on request by any current club member of the BAARC.

One of my goals as your President is to reduce the amount of time used at club meetings for business purposes. The club constitution and club bylaws allow the Executive Committee to manage the business of the club and that is what we have set out to do. This will free up much of our club meeting time for other things, such as, Q & A, Elmering, Open discussions on radio activities or programs.

With that said, your Officers and Directors had, what I consider, an excellent first meeting. Everyone brought something to the table. I am proud to be working with this group, they are very dedicated to the BAARC. Unanimously it was agreed to focus more on activities and provide more elmering for newly licensed amateurs.

One order of business was approved, setting guidelines and users for the new tower trailer.

The treasurer Bruce/K5PX provided a Financial Report included Club Liabilities which are \$250 .00 annually for insurance, the annual fee for our P.O. Box \$75.00 ; roughly \$500 expenses a year.

Wayne/KW5M suggested creating an operating budget for 2018 which was discussed and a decision was made to table that proposal simply because we do not have that much going on right now and can revisit the need when it may be needed.

Dan/W5BM volunteered to evaluate our club website and make recommendations, almost all agreed we need a different look and easier navigating features on our web site.

Note: We need someone to take charge of our social media presence and keep it active.

Clint, K5YHF - Suggested we Do more radio events, like working DXpeditions, Fox hunt and others. Dan/W5BM, Guy/WB5MXO and Earl/WB5UUW expressed real concern about getting all of our repeaters functioning, so no doubt that will stay on the top of the list.

Ray/WB5JJA, Bruce/K5PX proposed reimplimenting past award and certificate programs to recognize members for improvement, aid to the club, merit and overall participation in the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club.

Kent/K5WTS suggested more operating activities, more elmering some sort of recruiting program and more attention on members in general.

To these ends, we will be actively recruiting club members to get as many of these ideas implemented. Kent has stepped up to serve as club Membership Chairman and is in the process already of creating an Elmer program, putting together a membership questionnaire and creating a volunteer list.

Bruce volunteered to start publishing the "Ham Gram" via email to members on record. The "Ham Gram" has been our newsletter from the beginning. He is also coaching a fully operational hf station on February 3, 2018 to attempt to contact the Bouvet Island DXpedition. Anyone interested in learning a little about HF Contesting can do so at this BAARC Event.

Other operating activities are being discussed as well.

Dan is working on design of some new certificates to be used throughout the year for the purpose of recognizing member accomplishments, volunteering, support and dedication to the BAARC. On top of this he will be looking into the WEB site and what our options are there.

Next month at the Executive Committee we will review all the new information gathered, present feedback on what has been done so far and proceed to create an **Action Plan** for the rest of the year. Watch the web site, the "Ham Gram", Social Media and email bulletins for news and information.

Here is what the upcoming meeting, February 05, 2018 will look like:

Elmers will be available starting around 6:30 pm, primarily for new amateurs to ask questions.

Call to order" 7:00 pm

Introductions..

Member questions based on this summary.

Member Volunteer Sign Up.

Motion to Adjourn

Program:

I will be the program for February meeting, i plan on presenting the big picture planned for the club, give some ideas and thoughts on the club and the direction of amateur radio. Answer Questions, let everyone get an idea of who i am vs who they heard i am. While focusing on getting everyone in the club on the same page.

Clubs are only as good as their members, so, hopefully, you will all join me on this years journey to make this club everything it can be.

Your club president

January 30th, 2018