

Minutes of the monthly BCRA meeting held October 5, 2020 via Zoom

8 Members were in attendance

KA1BZE called the meeting to order at 7:05 with a pledge to the flag.

The **secretary's report** was read; W2DAN moved to accept, KB1TPG seconded, accepted as read.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented (balance of \$xxxx) the report was accepted as presented.

Communications: None

Repeater – Still working ok

VE – Thanks to K1KJS for setting up the zoom so Jay, KB1NYT, could be the "remote VE". As for the test Douglas Belcher KC1NFL upgrade to General, Joseph Caron, KC1MTF upgrade to General, Gary Garofalo. KC1NXN, new Tech and one Tried for an upgrade to extra and didn't get it.

RACES – from Nets are going very well, there were 13 check-ins a week ago and 12 yesterday.

Events and Old Business– A notice came in from Ed Caron, KA1RSY listing some classes on ARES and NTS and other topics that are available from ARRL on Zoom.

Old Business - It will not be practical to run an Allstar node from W2DAN's QTH due to the retransmission of the repeater ID over the all star network.

The Stations that have served as NCS on the net have done very well and we will begin a regular rotation in the coming weeks. KA1BZE will run the net next week. We will have a simplex net on the week following on 145.540MHz. Skip, KB1CNB, will do net control to start the net on the repeater and do the questions then we will go to simplex with W2DAN being control.

We will be restarting Tech Talks during the meetings - November will be KA1BZZE with a demo of Allstar, December will be Skip, KB1CNB, will do FT8 and the Phaser build, and possibly January with KA1BZE on the NTS.

K9HI, Phil Temples has become the ARRL Eastern Mass Vice Director and has put up an excellent website, nediv.arrl.org with eastern division news and events.

New Business – None

KB1TPG moved to **adjourn** at 8:04 passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Denault, KB1CNB, Secretary