

Minutes of the monthly BCRA meeting held February 1, 2021 via Zoom

10 Members were in attendance

Dave "Dan", W2DAN — Skip, KB1CNB — Margaret, KA1BZE — Jay, KB1NYT — John, KB1TPG — Mike P., KC1LMY — Kevin, N1KJS — Sheldon K1KOS — Julie KB1YTT — Kyle, KC1NWX

KA1BZE called the meeting to order at 7:00 with a pledge to the flag.

The **secretary's report** was read; KB1TPG moved to accept, N1KJS seconded, passed unanimously.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented and was accepted.

Communications: None

Repeater – We are waiting for it to be installed, W2DAN will check with N1JOY

VE – Francis L Kelly, KC1NDQ, —> Extra; New Techs Gunter Kern Jr, KC1OLU & Patrick S O'Donnell Sr, KC1OLV; William G Touret, KC1NWS, —> General; Rocco Quattrucci, KC1NBK, —> Extra

RACES – Nets have been going on via Zoom for several weeks with good results

Events – There was a brief discussion of the Winter Field Day and mention of the upcoming Virtual Ham Expo to be held March 13-14 - Tickets are available now for \$10.00

Old Business – None

New Business – There was a discussion of possible topics for presentation at future meetings. Some of the ideas were: HF QSOs and their relation to SDR; using the Nano VNA; Doing an antenna build, possibly for a Fox Hunt type of antenna; CW lessons or practice

The idea of promoting a Q&A time on the net for new hams was discussed. The possibility was suggested of using the 4th Sunday of the month. We could promote either via email and at the VE sessions was discussed. It was suggested that a number of topics be ready to spark a question time.

The idea of several members sending congratulatory emails to those passing their tests with club info was discussed and agreed upon.

KB1TPG moved and KB1YTT seconded to **adjourn** at 8:20 passed.

After adjournment KB1CNB gave a brief talk on installing Windows on a Raspberry Pi

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Denault, KB1CNB, Secretary