

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes October 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 17 members and 0 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report due to absence.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported income of \$4,180.00, total expenses of \$1,089.00 (major expenses were utilities \$481.00 and building permits and fees \$425.00). Total net worth is \$82,101.00. A motion was made, seconded and voted to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

There were no issues to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Vice President, Joe K (N1IXC) reported there will be the monthly RACES net on Monday at 19:30 hrs. All are welcome to check in. It was also reported that Wareham EMA is looking for a communications manager.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) reported several events as posted.

OLD BUSINESS

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) reported that the contractor for the building expects to schedule construction to begin in late October or early November. Prices were requested to separate the building addition from construction of the handicap access ramp so the ramp can be done after the winter. Also a price was requested to repair the rear of the existing building to match the rest. Pricing to repair the back alone was \$3,872.00. Pricing to do the complete addition and the rear wall, without the access ramp was \$22,775.00 and pricing for the complete renovation including access ramp was \$33,625.00, which includes all but concrete for the access ramp. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the \$22,775.00 option and postpone the access ramp until after the winter.

It was also noted that 100 amp service will be run to the new building and the holes in the foundation would be completed soon. Current wiring in the unit seems to be in excellent condition and the heat and AC units seem in good condition as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership was advised of an incident earlier in the month where a large amount of cable was stolen off the tower. The person was caught and is facing charges for the theft. The CCTV system captured no video as it was not functioning at the time. The current system has consistently failed. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to purchase a new DVR system as well as one camera capable of recording license plates on vehicles entering the premises and one camera to replace a defective external camera from Tony (NN1D) for an amount of approximately \$600.00. The motion was then amended to give the President authority to purchase adequate cameras and system as needed to adequately view the SEMARA site. It was noted that NETCOM has offered to assist funding the system.

There was also some discussion regarding snow removal at the site.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

There was some discussion about a possible Christmas party, which was tabled until the November meeting. It was also mentioned that there will be a VE session this coming Saturday.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Marc M. Dumont (W1MMD) Secretary