



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 18 members and 0 guests present. A moment of silence was observed for those affected by the recent attack in Las Vegas.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and voted to dispense reading and accept the report as posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported total assets of \$85,321 with \$6,550 income and \$984 expenses. NETCOM balance stands at \$21,322. A motion was made, seconded and voted to refer to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Marty (KA1YFV) reported no issues.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joe K> (N1IXC) reported the next drill will be the first Monday in November. It was also reported that New Bedford recently appointed Chris Nobrega as the new EMA Director.

Activities

There was a request from the Lowell CERT for volunteers on October 22, 2017 between 07:00 and 14:00.

Radio Events

Bob, (K1KVV) reported several contests as posted on the board.

Repeater

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) reported the amplifier was recently replaced and is now in service.

Website

Bob, (K1KVV) reported the updating of different areas in the website are in progress.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter was read, submitted by NETCOM as a result of a meeting with the Board of Directors. The letter confirmed payment of arrears to be completed by January 1, 2018, per discussion with the Board on September 16, 2017. There was discussion regarding equipment in the new radio room and antenna distribution. Volunteers will be taken for a committee to bring ideas for organization and equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

A new concrete pad will soon be installed for the tower and antenna.

A petition was submitted, signed by 9 members to change bylaws as follows: 1. Life members will be required to have an Amateur Radio License. 2. Associate Member should be a member without a license but must be renewed yearly and required to attain a license within one year, which will then be voted as a life member. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the petition as written to continue in accordance with the bylaws to make changes in the bylaws. After a vote, the motion carried with 1 opposed. After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to withdraw the first motion and present at the next business meeting adding Associate Member status. After a vote, the motion carried with 1 opposed.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc M. Dumont (W1MMD), Secretary
