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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Note: This meeting was delayed by one week due to a blizzard that had occurred the week prior.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, roll call commenced with sixteen (16) members and zero (0) guests present. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of SEMARA member William L. Vincent, W1POW who passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2017.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and voted to dispense reading of the Thursday, December 7, 2017 business meeting minutes, and to accept the report as posted on the website and bulletin board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported total assets of \$79,972.91 with total inflows of \$140.00 and total outflows of \$2,648.94. As of Monday, January 1, 2018, the NETCOM balance was \$34,169.61 including annual taxes. Three checks were since received totaling \$13,430 yielding a new balance of \$20,739.61. A motion was made, seconded and voted to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that we are lucky that the pipes have not frozen. He states that one of the pipes under the clubhouse may need to be covered. This was followed by some discussion that there is a heating element that is controlled by a thermostat that appears to be working well.

- **TECHNICAL**

SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD has appointed Antone Souza, III, NN1D as chairman of this committee. Nothing further to report.



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SCHOLARSHIP

Newly appointed chairman, William E. Gifford, W1HA discussed the lack of applicants and any incentive that we may be able to offer to entice applicants.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Member Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC reported that the RACES net was held this past Monday on the 147.000 repeater with a new net control station. There were poor conditions that night and the simplex test was generally unsuccessful.

- **REPEATER**

Chairman Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC reported that the repeaters are working well. The 220 MHz repeater is still pending to be rack mounted.

- **WEB**

Member Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC reported that several updates were made to the website and everything is generally up to date.

COMMUNICATIONS

Henry R. Blanchett, Jr., W1GYL was hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital recently and he wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. He wishes he could make it to the meetings, but he is currently not driving.

NEW BUSINESS

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY noted that when the heat is turned on in the radio room, it is very loud and we are unable to operate the radio equipment. After a brief discussion, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD commented that he would check with an electrician to see if adding baseboard heating might be a viable option.

There was some discussion about making some Anderson Powerpole patch cables for the radio room during the Sunday ragchew.



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It was noted that the Wi-Fi connection does not make it reliably into the radio room. Antone Souza, III, NN1D mentioned that he will look into installing a Ubiquiti UniFi unit, which will seamlessly hand off the wireless connection to users in the radio room from the main clubhouse. There is also a 3" conduit that runs from the clubhouse to the radio room that will be looked into for hardwiring Ethernet.

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC mentioned that we should send a sympathy card to the family of William L. Vincent, W1POW. JP Chiron, AG1Y advised that he has already purchased the card.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

It was recommended that the club look into the purchase of a SteppIR HF beam. The cost of this antenna will exceed \$3,000 and there is a waiting list when ordering them. After some discussion, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD recommended that the membership do some research and bring it up at an upcoming business meeting.

ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC
SEMARA Secretary



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BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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- Sixteen (16) Members Present:

CALL SIGN	NAME	POSITION
W1MLD	Marcel L. Dumont	President
AG1Y	Jean P. Chiron	Vice President
KB1NB	Michael J. McDonald	Treasurer
W1RJC	Richard J. Cabral	Secretary
KA1YFV	Martin F. Jordan	Board of Directors
N1IXC	Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr.	Board of Directors
W1BEP	Bradford E. Paiva	Board of Directors
K1AHA	Richard J. Halliwell	
K1XRN	Richard M. Orluk, R.N.	
KA1UNP	Kevin M. Sullivan	
N1WCO	Eric J. Pierce	
NN1D	Antone Souza, III	
W1DJD	David J. DeMoss	
W1HA	William E. Gifford	
W1MMD	Marc M. Dumont	
WA1BXY	Donald A. Rosinha, II	

- Zero (0) Guests Present