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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, roll call commenced with thirty (30) members and zero (0) guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and voted to dispense reading of the Thursday, January 11, 2018 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 \$90,302.45, with total inflows of \$13,430.00 and total outflows of \$3,100.46. As of tonight, the NETCOM balance is \$24,140. A motion was made, seconded and voted to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that he noticed an issue with the coffee maker where it was pouring cold water back into the pot. He recommended we make the provisions necessary to purchase a new one.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase two throw carpets for the entry ways to the club.

- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Chairman William E. Gifford, W1HA mentioned that the documents and application for our scholarship offering are both available on the website. We are currently accepting applicants.



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- **TECHNICAL**

William E. Gifford, W1HA wanted to make sure that Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY has what he needs to finish off the radio room. Don mentioned that he has a few items he will bring up under new business.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Member Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC reported that we will hold our monthly RACES net (Region 2, Sector A) this Monday at 7:30 PM on the 147.000 repeater.

- **QSL MANAGER**

Position holder John C. Nery, WA1ESO reported that he will be resigning from the position as soon as someone else steps up to take over. Duties are very light at the moment, but we anticipate this to pick up with more use in the radio room.

- **REPEATER**

Chairman Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC reported that there are currently no issues with the 2m, 222 MHz and 902 MHz repeater hardware.

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reported that today, the WIN System, IRLP Reflector 9100, blocked our IRLP node 4210 on the 147.000 repeater. A reflector control operator from Alaska issued the block because a local user on our end, James R. Cahill, N1TZM, had left the reflector connected while listening. In the meantime, two local hams came on the 147.000 repeater to hold a local QSO in Spanish. This prompted the block from the reflector end. Jim had been excessively leaving the repeater connected to the reflector only to monitor throughout the day and would reconnect it when it timed out after 20 minutes of inactivity.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to send a certified letter via US Mail to SEMARA member James R. Cahill, N1TZM. This letter is to notify Jim that he is no longer allowed to use the 147.000 repeater for linking to the WIN System. Secretary Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC agreed to draft the letter and have it sent, after finding out his current Fairhaven address. It will also be noted in this letter that the WIN System can be monitored online via streaming as an alternative.



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RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Three applications were submitted for membership to the association:

1. Nicholas R. Rondeau, K1NRR of Seekonk, MA
Technician class license and public safety dispatcher.
2. Ernesto A. Cabral, Jr., KC1GVW of Johnston, RI
Technician class license and firefighter in North Scituate, RI.
3. Brian T. Geagan, KB1FVR of Wareham, MA
General class license and annual member of the ARRL.

A motion was made and seconded to unanimously vote all three in as members.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by John C. Nery, WA1ESO to have one or more security companies evaluate the property for an alarm system and keycard access. Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD mentioned that we already have a system installed with free monitoring by a local ham in Fall River that runs a security company. The logistics still need to be worked out regarding the part of the system that will handle building entry and logging. There was some discussion about using a key FOB system for entry. A motion was subsequently made and seconded to table this.

Two proposals were presented by Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD to install heat and/or air conditioning at the clubhouse and/or radio room. One proposal was to install electric heating in the radio room to complement the existing electric heat in the clubhouse. This would cost \$900 to \$1,200. The second proposal was a quote by DG Services from Mattapoisett. This includes a two-ton Fujitsu ductless HVAC system with both heat and air conditioning. This includes an 1,800 BTU unit for the clubhouse and 900 BTU unit for the radio room. This would cost \$7,472. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to have DG Services install the Fujitsu system.

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC suggested that we get an attorney to represent SEMARA in the matter of the NETCOM balance being in arrears. Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported that in 2019, our 20-year agreement with NETCOM will be ending. This will require an attorney to go over our current contract and to draft up a new contract. Mike's wife is also an attorney. There was discussion about having requirements in place in the new contract to impose penalties for past due balances. In addition, there was a concern about an unregistered truck owned by NETCOM along with other miscellaneous items that are sitting on our property. A motion was made, seconded and carried to have a lawyer review the current contract, begin working on a new contract and to address the past due NETCOM balance.



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NEW BUSINESS

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC was going to make a motion that we purchase a new coffee machine, however it was noted that the current one appears to be functioning properly. It is believed that someone simply put too much water in the unit, causing it to dispense cold water back into the pot.

John C. Nery, WA1ESO was going to make a motion that we install internet into the new radio room. It was noted that this was discussed last meeting and since then, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD and Antone Souza, III, NN1D had ran a new CAT-6 cable from the electrical closet to the radio room.

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY would like to sell excess surplus radio equipment that we are not using, so that we can purchase other equipment for the radio room operating positions. Discussion followed about selling one of two Kenwood TS-570s along with other accessories not being used, in order to purchase for example, a Kenwood TS-2000 or other equipment. Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD commented that it may be a good thing to have multiple radio brands available so that members have a choice to use the equipment they prefer. It was then suggested by Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC that we gather a list of what we have in an audit, post this list and allow the membership to review it in order to decide what we wish to keep and/or purchase at a future meeting.

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY was going to make a motion to have some excess clutter cleared out to the left of the current three operating positions in the radio room and to build a fourth operating position. After some discussion, it was decided that this will be tabled until we determine the equipment. It was noted that a couple spare 19" rack cabinets that were donated to the club by WBZ radio are currently taking up space to the left of the operating positions and that we either use them for something or place them into storage.

ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC
SEMARA Secretary



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BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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- Thirty (30) 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	
K1NRR	Nicholas R. Rondeau	
K1PGS	Paul G. Sadeck	
K1XRN	Richard M. Orluk, R.N.	
KA1UNP	Kevin M. Sullivan	
KB1FVR	Brian T. Geagan	
KB1QZQ	Kenneth F. Page, Jr.	
KC1BGF	Joseph A. Tavares	
KC1FWN	Joseph A. Pasteris	
KC1GVW	Ernesto A. Cabral, Jr.	
KD1YZ	David A. DeCosta	
N1JBC	Edwin S. Barton, IV	
N1PMB	Donald T. Manley	
N1TF	Frederic S. Bacon, III	
N1WCO	Eric J. Pierce	
W1BUG	Armand F. Augustine	
W1DJD	David J. DeMoss	
W1HA	William E. Gifford	
W1MMD	Marc M. Dumont	
W1VRP	Joseph P. Frois	
WA1BXY	Donald A. Rosinha, II	
WA1CCM	Wayne C. Kingsley	
WA1ESO	John C. Nery	

- Zero (0) Guests Present