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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 AM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Seven (7) officers and board of directors members and zero (0) guests present.

1. Discussion commenced regarding changes to the way membership to our association is handled. Everyone shared ideas about a possible future amendment to our constitution and/or bylaws if applicable. Ideas and recommendations for consideration included the following:
 - a. New applicants are to be voted on at the next business meeting cycle following 30 days after the application date. This will allow time for the officers to review and gather information about the applicant and to present it during voting into membership.
 - b. When voting to accept the new applicant into the association, they should not be present during the voting. Since guests are welcome at our business meetings, it was suggested to have them leave the room during the voting.
 - c. Establish a grace period (i.e., six months or one year) where new members are not yet full lifetime members. During that probationary period, they must prove to the association that they are a contributing active member. It was suggested that they must participate in a certain number of meetings or events over that period before we approve them as a full member. If they do not meet those requirements, the \$20.00 membership initiation fee would be refunded and they would no longer be a member.
 - d. Membership renewal to be required (i.e., every two or five years). Membership to the association is lifetime, so membership renewal would be free of charge, but an action from the member would be required to renew. This would allow for inactive members who do not bother or wish not to renew, to become an expired member of the association.



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2. There are concerns over the tidiness and upkeep of the clubhouse and radio room. There have been coffee stains, dirt tracked on the floor, dirty dishes and coffee cups left in the kitchen sink and unsanitary restroom conditions. Additionally, part of the Formica on the bottom of the new radio room operating positions has been cracked off and a power strip had been removed and remounted to a higher position without proper authorization of the technical committee and/or officers. This has left open screw holes on the backsplash of all three operating positions. This will be brought up at the next business meeting. It was unanimous that we wish to make it clear to all members entering the clubhouse that they clean up after themselves and are respectful to all club property.
3. In light of some recent events, the following statement is a friendly reminder to our members. No one should act on behalf of the association unless they have proper approval of the membership and/or officers to do so. Otherwise, they are acting on their own and are responsible for their own actions.
4. A reminder that all monies spent of \$100 or more should be passed through the finance committee for approval before said item(s) are purchased. No money over \$100 is to be spent on behalf of the club without this approval. Each committee has an allotment of \$100 per month which does not carry over month-to-month.
5. On Friday, March 2, 2018, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD and Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB will be meeting with an attorney to review the NETCOM contract.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:57 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC
SEMARA Secretary



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BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

Saturday, February 24, 2018

- Seven (7) Officers & BOD 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
N1XC	Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr.	Board of Directors
W1BEP	Bradford E. Paiva	Board of Directors

- Zero (0) Guests Present