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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, roll call commenced with twenty-one (21) members and one (1) guest present. A moment of silence was observed for John M. Magurie, W1CDO's mother who had passed away.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense reading of the Thursday, May 3, 2018 business meeting minutes and to accept the report as posted on the website and bulletin board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Mike reported total assets of \$84,771.78, with total inflows of \$6,900 and total outflows of \$6,013.56, a majority of which was for taxes and did include \$1,635 in new gear purchased. As of tonight, the NETCOM balance was \$24,040.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Chairman Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that he had cut the grass and assisted Al Costello to jump start and move the NETCOM van that had been parked in our lot.

- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Nothing to report.

- **TECHNICAL**

Nothing to report.



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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC reported that the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Region 2, Sector A, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) drill was conducted this past Monday, June 4, 2018. This drill for our section is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM on the 147.000 repeater.

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC advised that Robert D. Macedo, KD1CY had just sent an email notification about the ARRL sponsoring the 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season Webinar on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 8:00 PM. Details on how to register for this webinar will be posted by this weekend on SEMARA.org.

- **RADIO EVENTS**

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported that a lot is going on this month. He had posted a few radio related posts on our website, including the 2018 ARRL Antenna Competition. This year's theme is limited space antennas, in which you have 30 by 50 feet to work with. Another post was regarding kids' day on June 16th, including frequencies and protocols. It is not a contest, but a way to share your enthusiasm of amateur radio with young people. The 13 Colonies Special Event station will be running again this year and this is also on our website at SEMARA.org. Finally, ARRL Field Day 2018 is this month and more will be brought up on this later.

- **REPEATER**

Chairman Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC reported that all is well with the repeaters. Also, a reminder that Amateur Radio Newline airs every Sunday at 8:00 PM on the 147.000 repeater.

- **WEB**

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported all is well with the website.

RATIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Merton Smith, N1GKE of Warwick, RI as a life member of the association. Merton had submitted an application prior to the May 2018 business meeting.



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OLD BUSINESS

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD brought up that Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB had wrote a letter regarding some additional revisions to the proposal submitted last month to our Constitution and Bylaws. Mike spoke toward this and mentioned that it would be great to get it right the first time. After a brief discussion amongst the membership, Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC agreed with the revisions and recommended to the membership that we vote together to defeat the current proposal that he presented last month. At a future business meeting, a fresh new proposal including some retooling and the revisions may be presented under new business.

The proposed modifications to our Constitution and Bylaws, which was presented at the May 2018 business meeting by Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC and four other life members in good standing, was voted on and defeated.

NEW BUSINESS

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC announced he would be resigning from the Scholarship committee due to personal reasons.

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY announced that Field Day 2018 will be conducted on the club's grounds this year. We will be operating as a 2E station on emergency power. We need some nighttime CW and SSB operators. Don is planning on operating a Get On The Air (GOTA) station, where non-licensed and technicians can also operate. He will be bringing his grill for a selection of burgers, hot dogs and beverages, with soda being stocked up in the refrigerator. He is planning to be staffed the entire 24 hours from 2:00 PM on Saturday until 2:00 PM on Sunday. His wife will be running SSB, but she is unable to do an all-nighter. The goal is to get at least 2,500 and Don would like anyone interested in participating to email. It was also noted that a generator will still be needed.

Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG made a motion that was seconded and carried to allocate \$100 for field day expenses including food, drinks and generator fuel.

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC made a motion that was seconded and carried that any expenditures exceeding \$100 must first be reviewed by the finance committee prior to approval by the membership. It was noted that this practice was voted into place several years ago and that this motion is to refresh and renew that procedure.



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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD mentioned that Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY and John C. Nery, WA1ESO received a certificate of appreciation from CQ for the 2017 World-Wide DX Contest CW. They received a round of applause.

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY suggested that we form a new committee for supporting the antennas and radio equipment, which would branch away from the technical committee. Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD explained that as President, he appoints special committees and oversees who is the chairman of each. He would be against this, sighting that too many committees would add unwanted convolution.

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV and Raymond A. Arruda, KB1EVX officially announced that the SEMARA Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Setup will begin at 8:00 AM and buyers will be welcome beginning at 9:00 AM. The event will conclude at 12 noon and a VE exam session will be held inside the clubhouse at 10:30 AM. Door prizes were brought up for discussion and it was decided that we will not offer any. There was some discussion about ensuring that the exam session would be able to be held without interruption and a low noise level. It was noted that since we have not held a flea market in several years, there will be no admission fee in order to help attract the most amount of people.

David A. DeCosta, KD1YZ questioned if we ever considered blacktopping the driveway on club property. Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD commented that it would be very expensive. Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY suggested reground which is half the price. Discussion followed, and it was suggested that if we did decide to go with a solution, we should at the least hard top the handicapped parking area. Marcel also noted that he would like to see the handicapped parking, which is currently between the clubhouse and the road, to be moved to near the new handicapped ramp. David agreed to try and get us a quote from an individual that paved his driveway.

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC informed everyone that with the new Polycom IP phones in the clubhouse and the radio room, all calls to any phone number in the US or Canada regardless if it is local, local toll or long distance, you must always dial 1+ the area code, followed by the 7-digit phone number. Otherwise, the call cannot be completed as dialed. A laminated notification has also been posted above the clubhouse phone to these dialing instructions, plus to dial 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.



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ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJ
SEMARA Secretary



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BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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- Twenty-One (21) 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
K1AHA	Richard J. Halliwell	
K1KVV	Robert B. Kelley	
KB1EVX	Raymond A. Arruda	
KB1FRL	Charles W. Moszczenski	
KB1FVR	Brian T. Geagan	
KC1IRQ	Paul I. Castro	
KD1YZ	David A. DeCosta	
KE1CN	Scott R. Smith	
N1JXZ	Anthony A. Gomes	
N1TF	Frederic S. Bacon, III	
N1WCO	Eric J. Pierce	
W1BUG	Armand F. Augustine	
W1KZA	Roland Aubin	
WA1BXY	Donald A. Rosinha, II	
WA1CCM	Wayne C. Kingsley	

- One (1) Guest Present:

AC1EO	Christopher J. Bosse, Jr.
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