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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, roll call commenced with twenty-three (23) members and one (1) guest present. A moment of silence was observed for SEMARA member Anthony A. Gomes, N1JXZ who had unexpectedly passed away in June, just one week after attending the last business meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense reading of the Thursday, June 7, 2018 business meeting minutes, and to accept the report as posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported total assets of \$90,391, with total inflows of \$6,800 and total outflows of \$537. As of tonight, the NETCOM Wireless Facilities balance was \$20,540. A motion was made, seconded and carried to refer the report to audit.

Mike also reports that on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, he and Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD visited the residence of Alan M. Costello of NETCOM and had a sit-down discussion with him. AI had previously received a letter from our attorney which notified him that we are exercising our right to terminate our property lease with NETCOM effective the final day of the lease, February 22, 2019. The letter also indicates that we intend to issue a request for proposals to determine the future use of our communications tower, and that NETCOM is welcome to make a presentation in response to this request.

The discussion with AI included catching up on the balance that is in arrears, with the understanding that he must be current before NETCOM could be considered for a new contract. There was also a concern over if the physical ownership of the tower is SEMARA or NETCOM. It was noted that NETCOM had installed the tower in 1999 on our property and that this will be investigated further.



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STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Chairman Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that when he arrived at the club this morning to cut the grass, Raymond A. Arruda, KB1EVX was just finishing. He thanked Ray and the membership present gave a round of applause to both parties.

- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Nothing to report.

- **TECHNICAL**

Nothing to report.

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, July 2, 2018. There was a small turn out due to the holiday. This drill for our section is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM on the 147.000 repeater.

- **RADIO EVENTS**

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV thanked Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY for organizing field day. Don announced that that he posted a breakdown of the entire logbook from the event on the bulletin board. There were 1,911 contacts with 11 different operators. There was no interference, and everything went very smoothly with all the equipment. The membership present gave a round of applause.

- **REPEATER**

Nothing to report.



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- **WEB**

Nothing to report.

RATIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

No applications were received or voted on.

OLD BUSINESS

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY was seeking approval from the finance committee for the funds to send the club's Elecraft K3 HF transceiver back to the factory to have it refurbished. It was mentioned under new business at the March business meeting that it would be in the \$800 ballpark, based on other member's experiences with Elecraft. The finance committee felt that it would benefit the club to proceed with this and gave it their approval.

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC made note that some members might not be aware how to properly use some of the transceivers at the club. The RIT/XIT functions were left on along with the TX VOX setting and antenna tuner. If anyone has any questions on how to operate any of the equipment, to please consult with another knowledgeable club member.

David A. DeCosta, KD1YZ mentioned that he called a few companies regarding blacktopping the driveway on club property. Most of places he consulted with stated that they only do patch work. There were two companies that stated they can do it; however, they were booked and too busy at that moment and asked if he could try back later. Upon following up, they stated the same thing.

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV inquired on the status of our future security system. Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD responded that talks with Carl of Sawejko Communications in Somerset have stalled. Bob suggested that if this hung up indefinitely, that the club considers going with another company. Marcel mentioned that they are working on this.



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NEW BUSINESS

Henry W. Brown, K1WCC asked for permission to use the club's 147.000 repeater on Saturday, September 15, 2018 for the Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life event in Westport. He came up from Falmouth recently to do an analysis of all the 2-meter repeaters in the area along the CF event route rest stops. After testing the Portsmouth, Fall River and other available repeaters, he found that our repeater is a performer and would be best by far, especially for HT coverage. Bradford E. Paiva, W1BEP made a motion, which was seconded and carried, to allow the use of the repeater for this event from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on September 15th.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Raymond A. Arruda, KB1EVX is looking for volunteers to assist with the club's flea market on Saturday, October 6, 2018. He also has several fliers available to distribute. He mentioned there will be a VE session at this event. Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV stated that he was waiting until the details were finalized to present it on the website and he will now be posting it.

Henry W. Brown, K1WCC mentioned that FARA Fest will be coming up in November.

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY announced that he and Andrew T. Perron, AB1YN were planning to do a contest college, potentially in August. They will make an official announcement soon.

ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Note: SEMARA Secretary, Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC was absent. The meeting was recorded with Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD's audio recorder and transcribed as presented by Rick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC
SEMARA Secretary



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BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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- Twenty-Three (23) Members Present:

CALL SIGN	NAME	POSITION
W1MLD	Marcel L. Dumont	President
AG1Y	Jean P. Chiron	Vice President
KB1NB	Michael J. McDonald	Treasurer
KA1YFV	Martin F. Jordan	Board of Directors
N1XC	Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr.	Board of Directors
W1BEP	Bradford E. Paiva	Board of Directors
K1AHA	Richard J. Halliwell	
K1KVV	Robert B. Kelley	
K1WCC	Henry W. Brown	
KB1EVX	Raymond A. Arruda	
KB1FRL	Charles W. Moszczenski	
KC1BGF	Joseph A. Tavares	
KC1BYI	Jonathan B. Copelano	
KC1IRQ	Paul I. Castro	
KD1YZ	David A. DeCosta	
KE1CN	Scott R. Smith	
N1TF	Frederic S. Bacon, III	
W1BUG	Armand F. Augustine	
W1BZJ	Michael Ponte	
W1DJD	David J. DeMoss	
W1KZA	Roland Aubin	
W1VRP	Joseph P. Frois	
WA1BXY	Donald A. Rosinha, II	

- One (1) Guest Present:

KB1UMD	Lawrence D. Copeland, II
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