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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, roll call commenced with twenty (20) members and zero (0) guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEMARA Secretary, Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC was absent at the Thursday, July 5, 2018 business meeting. Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD used a digital recorder to capture the audio of the meeting. Rick will transcribe the minutes and post it on the website and bulletin board soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB was absent. Marcel reported total assets of \$87,715. Total inflows and outflows were not available. As of tonight, the NETCOM balance was \$24,040, excluding a \$3,400 payment that was received. A motion was made, seconded and carried to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Chairman Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that he and Raymond A. Arruda, KB1EVX had cut the grass and that everything is looking nice. A round of applause was had for both parties for a job well done.

- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported that the ARRL has received several applicants for their scholarship offering. Bob recommended we partner with the ARRL for our scholarship.



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- **TECHNICAL**

Richard J. Halliwell, K1AHA mentioned that the webcam doesn't seem to be accessible. He is receiving an HTTP 404 error. Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC suggested that he go to the SEMARA website, click on "Members" and "Webcam." He might be using an outdated URL.

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 will be conducted this Monday, August 6, 2018. This drill for our section is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM on the 147.000 repeater.

Joe also informed everyone that the MEMA Region II Headquarters located in Bridgewater has been shut down due to health concerns over a building issue. Due to this, it was unknown if they would be able to participate in this month's drill.

- **RADIO EVENTS**

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported that there will be an extra VE session held on the second Saturday of September at the clubhouse. During the flea market on Saturday, October 6th, another VE session will be held.

Bob also announced that the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend begins on Saturday, August 18th. He stressed that it would be nice if club members get involved.



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- **REPEATER**

Chairman Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC reported that there is an unidentified issue with the antenna system for the SEMARA APRS and 220 MHz repeater. As a result, both systems are temporarily off the air. About a month ago, Jeffrey J. Lehmann, N1ZZN alerted Rick that the APRS station was not reporting. Rick then also observed that the 220 MHz repeater was barely receivable about a mile away from the site. Since both the APRS and repeater are on the same antenna, there is a potential antenna issue. Rick shut down the 220 MHz repeater remotely and is still planning to investigate this when time allows. If it is the antenna, we will need to bring this to the attention of Al Costello of NETCOM.

- **WEB**

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

RATIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

No applications were received or voted on.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reported that Antone Souza, III, NN1D has been trying to get in touch with Carl of Sawejko Communications in Somerset regarding the future alarm system at SEMARA. He has been non-responsive as of late and Tony is still waiting to hear back from him.

NEW BUSINESS

Donald A. Rosinha, II, WA1BXY announced that he will be holding the contest college as he had previously mentioned at last month's meeting. He will be going over different styles of contesting and the session would tentatively be held on Saturday, September 1st.



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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Raymond A. Arruda, KB1EVX mentioned that we need some volunteers, greeters and assistance with parking at our October flea market. Ray will also contact Daniel A. Roy, KA1BNO of the Rhode Island Swap and Sell Net so that the event can be announced on-air.

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD noted that Matt Pereira gave us some bolts for the new tower. Cement will soon be poured for us to get the new tower in place.

David A. DeCosta, KD1YZ again attempted to find out about asphalt for the SEMARA driveway and parking lot. Unfortunately, no one returned his calls.

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reported that a registered letter had been sent to Al Costello of NETCOM. It was either refused or not able to be delivered. SEMARA's attorney process server went to his residence and Al now has the letter in his possession. Marcel and Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB want to ensure that we receive our back payments. A brand-new contract is still impending and there is the possibility of accepting bids from other tower management companies. Further discussion commenced on possible solutions with tower management and the terms of the existing contract.

ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC
SEMARA Secretary



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BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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- Twenty (20) Members Present:

CALL SIGN	NAME	POSITION
W1MLD	Marcel L. Dumont	President
AG1Y	Jean P. Chiron	Vice President
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	
K1KVV	Robert B. Kelley	
K1PGS	Paul G. Sadeck	
KB1EVX	Raymond A. Arruda	
KC1BGF	Joseph A. Tavares	
KD1YZ	David A. DeCosta	
KE1CN	Scott R. Smith	
N1NJI	John W. O'Brien, III	
W1BUG	Armand F. Augustine	
W1BZJ	Michael Ponte	
W1KZA	Roland Aubin	
W1VRP	Joseph P. Frois	
WA1BXY	Donald A. Rosinha, II	
WA1CCM	Wayne C. Kingsley	

- Zero (0) Guests Present