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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, roll call commenced with nineteen (19) members and two (2) guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEMARA Secretary, Richard J. Cabral, W1RJG was absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported total inflows of \$3,500 and total outflows of \$3,115 yielding a net income of \$385. Total assets at meeting time was \$91,270. The NETCOM Wireless Facilities balance as of October 1, 2018 was \$24,040. Mike received two checks from NETCOM totaling \$5,400. A motion was made, seconded and voted to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Chairman Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported no issues.

- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Nothing to report.

- **TECHNICAL**

Nothing to report.



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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Nothing to report.

- **RADIO EVENTS**

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV stated that he had posted the ARRL Contest Coral for October on the bulletin board.

- **REPEATER**

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reported that the 224.800 repeater remains off the air due to a potential antenna issue. Al Costello of NETCOM offered to put an analyzer and dummy load on the hardline to troubleshoot and this should be completed soon.

- **WEB**

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported all is well with the website and that comments were recently added.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

RATIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

No applications were received or voted on.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reported that there will be a meeting Tuesday night to discuss the future alarm system at SEMARA.

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reported that the building improvements (siding) is nearly complete.



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NEW BUSINESS

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV made a motion which was seconded that we raise the amount to be awarded with our SEMARA Scholarship from \$500 to \$1,000. Discussion followed as to whether we want to award \$1,000 each year or biennially. The motion was then amended and seconded that we award the SEMARA Scholarship every other year in the amount of \$1,000. Discussion followed on an additional amendment to geographically restrict our offering. The motion was further amended and seconded to require that the applicant reside in Bristol, Plymouth or Barnstable counties of Massachusetts, with a restraint that their area of study be electronics/engineering. Discussion followed including the possibility to further require the applicant to be within a certain percentage of income. The amended motion carried with 2 opposed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse for expenses. The expenses were \$39.44 for beverages and \$42.75 for miscellaneous/other.

Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD discussed gutters for the clubhouse. He received an estimate of \$1,025. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that we have them installed, including adding gutter guards at an added expense.

There was some discussion on the on 220 MHz repeater antenna. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to purchase a brand-new NRG Comet CX333 antenna not to exceed \$200.

It was noted that a crane will be coming in October to change the antennas on the 80-foot tower. Help will be needed to assemble, and the date is yet to be determined. Discussion followed.

There was a discussion regarding the club's parking lot.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Raymond A. Arruda, KB1EVX reminded everyone that the flea market will be held this Saturday along with a VE session.

Guest Fred Hopengarten, K1VR spoke to the membership regarding his candidacy for the ARRL New England Director position and the upcoming election.



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ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Note: SEMARA Secretary, Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC was absent. The meeting minutes were hand written by Marc M. Dumont, W1MMD 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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- Nineteen (19) 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
W1BEP	Bradford E. Paiva	Board of Directors
K1AHA	Richard J. Halliwell	
K1KVV	Robert B. Kelley	
K1PGS	Paul G. Sadeck	
KB1EVX	Raymond A. Arruda	
KC1CVY	Peter P. Fusco	
KC1GCN	Kenneth J. Mingola	
KD1YZ	David A. DeCosta	
N1PMB	Donald T. Manley	
N1TF	Frederic S. Bacon, III	
N1WCO	Eric J. Pierce	
W1BUG	Armand F. Augustine	
W1KZA	Roland Aubin	
W1MMD	Marc M. Dumont	
WA1BXY	Donald A. Rosinha, II	

- Two (2) Guests Present:

K1VR	Fred Hopengarten
KC1KDC	Jeffrey M. Richard, Sr.