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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, a moment of silence was held to honor the memory of President George H. W. Bush, the 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States of America who passed away on Friday, November 30, 2018. Roll call succeeded with twenty-seven (27) members and two (2) guests present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEMARA Secretary, Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC announced that he was absent at the last three months business meetings due to a mandatory schedule change at his full-time job which requires him to work until 8:30 PM. Since this schedule is in effect through at least Spring 2019 and he would have to miss the meetings, Rick decided not to run for re-election in the Secretary position. He expressed the need for another willing member to step up for nomination, as it is currently open. A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense reading of the Thursday, November 1, 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 inflows of \$7,400 and total outflows of \$1,112 yielding a net income of \$6,288. Total assets at meeting time was \$95,785. The NETCOM Wireless Facilities balance was \$18,029 owed to SEMARA. A motion was made, seconded and voted to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Chairman Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that an antenna was on the ground. The wind had knocked it from the sawhorses, but it is now back up again.



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### • RADIO EVENTS

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported that rather than posting the December ARRL Contest Coral on the bulletin board this month, he emailed it to the discussion mailing list instead.

Bob mentioned that this weekend is the ARRL 10-meter SSB and CW contest. It runs for 48 hours from 00:00 UTC on Saturday, December 8, 2018 through 23:59 UTC on Sunday, December 9, 2018.

Bob also mentioned that ARRL Straight Key Night is held every January 1<sup>st</sup> from 00:00 UTC through 23:59 UTC. It is not a contest; rather it is a day dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage. Enjoy CW as it has been sent and enjoyed since the earliest days of Amateur Radio.

### • REPEATER

Chairman Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC reported that there is still an unidentified issue with the antenna system for the SEMARA APRS and 220 MHz repeater. As a result, both systems remain off the air. Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD mentioned that Antone Souza, III, NN1D donated a new Polyphaser (lightening arrester) to the club. Marcel replaced the old Polyphaser with the new one and then contacted Rick to turn the 220 MHz repeater back on. Rick did this remotely from his house and found that there was still a problem, as it is normally full-scale on his HT, but it was barely breaking the squelch. Rick turned the repeater back off and it is still pending further investigation as time allows.

### • WEB

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported that a letter was sent from SEMARA's attorney to NETCOM's attorney in October. The letter addressed several issues. NETCOM promised to make double payments, however this has not happened to date. Regarding NETCOM's request for a permanent easement to the tower, SEMARA would need to receive a substantial purchase price for us to consider the proposal. SEMARA is exercising its right to terminate the lease at the end of its term in February. The letter also presented the option for us to purchase the tower. We have not yet received a response. Discussion among the membership proceeded, including terms of a potential new contract.



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### RATIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

One new application for membership was received from Jeffrey M. Richard, Sr., KC1KDC of Westport. Jeff was present at the meeting, he is an ARRL annual member and had just passed his Amateur Extra exam at the SEMARA VE session on Saturday, December 1, 2018. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept his application and defer voting on it until the next business meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV mentioned that the webcam is not working. Richard J. Cabral, W1RJ responded that the webcam is indeed functional, however some members might not be able to view it because a Java plugin is required in the user's web browser. Rick mentioned that the webcam is slated to be replaced, however current models have not yet been researched to make an informed purchase. Timothy R. Smith, N1TI had installed the current webcam and he was present at the meeting. Tim mentioned he has a list of replacement indoor webcam models and he will soon furnish this to us. Tim also mentioned that there is a known exploit in the current webcam firmware which makes it possible to access the video feed (without the Java plugin). Rick asked Tim to pass along the URL, as he will make it available to the membership as a temporary fix until we install a new webcam.

### NEW BUSINESS

Scott E. Szala, W1EV brought a Yaesu FT-847 with desk mic to the meeting and offered to donate it to the club. It is an HF, VHF and UHF all-mode transceiver covering 10 through 80-meters, plus 6-meters, 2-meters and 70 centimeters (440 MHz). It provides 100 watts output on HF and 6-meters, plus 50 watts on 2-meters and 440 MHz. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the donation. Scott received a round of applause.

Richard J. Halliwell, K1AHA mentioned that the webcam is not working. Several members responded that this was already addressed earlier under old business.

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.



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## NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS

Nominations for elected officers and board of directors for 2019 plus trustee (five-year term ending with chairman in 2023) were opened.

With no one wishing to run for President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD nominated himself for re-election. Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC offered to nominate himself for re-election if left vacant, however he would not be able to attend meetings until his shift changes at work. Jeffrey M. Richard, Sr., KC1KDC mentioned he would be interested; however, his membership application won't be voted on until the next meeting. Discussion followed, and it was decided that a special election could be held in 2019 to fill the position. Rick decided it would be best not to run, and the position was left open.

With no further nominations, a motion was made, seconded and carried to close them. Ballots were given out, collected, counted by Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG and a witness, and the results were as follows:

President:	Marcel L. Dumont	W1MLD	(25 votes)
Vice President:	Jean P. (JP) Chiron	AG1Y	(26 votes)
Secretary:	-open-		
Treasurer:	Michael J. McDonald	KB1NB	(26 votes)
BOD (3):	Bradford E. Paiva	W1BEP	(24 votes)
	Donald A. Rosinha, II	WA1BXY	(19 votes)
	Donald T. Manley	N1PMB	(17 votes; defeated)
	Martin F. Jordan	KA1YFV	(22 votes)
Trustee (1):	Martin F. Jordan	KA1YFV	(28 votes)

## ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:50 PM with one apposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC  
SEMARA Secretary



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## BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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- Twenty-Seven (27) 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
W1BEP	Bradford E. Paiva	Board of Directors
K1AHA	Richard J. Halliwell	
K1KVV	Robert B. Kelley	
K1MLD	Michael L. Dumont	
K1PGS	Paul G. Sadeck	
KA1RM	Karl G. Daxland	
KC1BGF	Joseph A. Tavares	
KD1YZ	David A. DeCosta	
KE1CN	Scott R. Smith	
N1AVA	Kenneth J. Howland	
N1TF	Frederic S. Bacon, III	
N1TI	Timothy R. Smith	
N1WCO	Eric J. Pierce	
W1BUG	Armand F. Augustine	
W1BZJ	Michael Ponte	
W1DJD	David J. DeMoss	
W1EV	Scott E. Szala	
W1MMD	Marc M. Dumont	
W1KZA	Roland Aubin	
W1VRP	Joseph P. Frois	
WA1BXY	Donald A. Rosinha, II	
WA1CCM	Wayne C. Kingsley	

- Two (2) Guests Present:

AC1EO	Christopher J. Bosse, Jr.
KC1KDC	Jeffrey M. Richard, Sr.