



## SEMARA

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## Business Meeting Minutes 02/07/2019

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by the President, Marcel Dumont W1MLD, with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 17 members and 0 guests present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEMARA secretary Jeffrey Richard Sr, NY1US, was absent due to illness. He had requested that President Marcel Dumont forward the audio recording of this meeting to be transcribed at a later date. The meeting minutes from the January club meeting were posted to the website and bulletin board. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to read the notes from the wall if desired.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB, reported a total income of \$3,570 from Netcom Wireless Facilities. This included two months payment plus \$3,000 back pay leaving a total of \$8,220 owed to SEMARA by Netcom. Taxes in the amount of \$2,204 were paid. Total expenditures including utilities was \$2,669. Total cash assets are \$105,777. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

Chairman Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that some consideration as to who will be mowing the grass during the upcoming summer months needs to take place. It was discussed that the town had installed a manhole cover on club property. This area is covered by a right of way. Some damage to the grass was sustained.

#### Technical

The club's 220 repeater is still inoperative.

#### Scholarship

Nothing noted



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### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

A RACES test was conducted on Monday 02/04/19. There was an issue whereby no net control operator was present on the air. All members continued on however, checking in to the net. MEMA is reported to be moving to a location on Purchase Street in New Bedford.

#### Activities

Nothing noted

#### Radio Events

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV requested discussion on having a memorial event for the 87<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club. A discussion on the viability, logistics and timing of such an event was had.

#### Renovations

Nothing noted

#### Repeater

Discussed that the 220 repeater is still inoperable.

#### Website

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported that there is a slight issue whereby the default formatting of the website has been changed and needs to be switched back to the "classic" version.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing noted

### RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Michael J. Skorvanek III, WA1KSN had submitted his application for membership to SEMARA at the January meeting. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to ratify his application and bring him into the club. Welcome, WA1KSN.

### PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Nothing noted



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### OLD BUSINESS

The railing for the side of the building was noted as not having been installed yet. The contractor has been somewhat un-responsive to returning and completing the installation of the railing.

The club and our attorney have met with NETCOM. The current contract expires on 02/22/19. NETCOM currently owes SEMARA around \$15,000, pro-rated. NETCOM disputes this amount despite previously agreeing on the figure. We are currently waiting payment and will not negotiate furthering of the contract until such time as full payment has been made. Several options including an easement, purchasing of the tower and various lease terms were discussed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Nothing noted

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

A discussion on organizing the QSO cards which the club has posted to commemorate the operators who have gone SK.

A discussion regarding a local radio show where HAM radio was discussed. An employee of the radio station was invited to the club in order to see the facilities we have as well as hopefully learn something about the hobby.

### NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

Nothing noted

### ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey M Richard Sr.

NY1US

Secretary, SEMARA