

SEMARA Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2020

Call to Order (Marcel, **W1MLD**): 7:00pm.

Salute to the Flag:

Roll Call of Members Present: 15 (see last page)

Secretary's Report (Armand, **W1BUG**): Motion passed to read the Minutes as posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report (Mike, **KB1NB**):

Cash Flow Report

11/1/2020 through 11/30/2020

Category + Description

OUTFLOWS

Buildings & Grounds

Maintenance 240.00

Supplies 61.03

TOTAL Buildings & Grounds 301.03

Insurance 570.00

Office supplies

Other Office supplies 63.74

TOTAL Office supplies 63.74

Utilities

Cable TV: 154.21

Electric 131.08

Internet Service 196.02

Telephone: 50.00

TOTAL Utilities: 531.31

TOTAL OUTFLOWS: 1,466.08

Net Worth

As of 11/30/2020-12/03/2020 (Cash Basis)

Account Balance

ASSETS:

Cash and Bank Accounts:

Checking: 48,143.19

Savings: 128,782.67

Sunrise: 12.67

Holding: 70.00

xxx2700 Certificate of Deposit: 0.00

xxx7297 Certificate of Deposit: 0.00

xxx9061 Certificate of Deposit: 0.00

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts 177,008.53

Other Assets:

Blue Sky Security: 12,000.00

TOTAL Other Assets: 12,000.00

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

LIABILITIES: 0.00

EQUITY: 189,008.53

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY: 189,008.53

Motion passed to refer to Audit.

Standing Committee's Reports

Building and Grounds:

Marty, **KA1YFV**, reported everything is well with Club Property maintenance and appearance.

Scholarship Committee:

No one was present to report.

Technical Committee:

Chairman was not present to report.

Marcel, **W1MLD**, reported that the last work party accomplished its purpose. The new antenna was mounted on the new tower and brought to an upright position. The cable to inside the radio room will be done soon as time permits.

He also noted that the beam on the big tower came loose in the wind, and that Alan had climbed to tighten it. Upon inspection, he noticed a bolt was missing. Emergency repairs were made, and he returned with the necessary hardware and climbed a second time to make the repair a few days later. Thank You Alan!

The two-meter system has developed some noise and crackling. The fact that the cell phone companies are doing a lot of antenna work on the cell tower equipment could be the reason. Marcel talked to the Blue Sky representative on site and he said that if we continue to have trouble, they will take care of it at their expense. Marcel noted that at that time it may be wise to replace the antenna with a brand new one.

ARES/RACES:

Ed Caron, **KA1RSY**, reported that things are little slow right now. Test nights have had check-ins, and equipment was handling the volume well.

Windstorm check-ins reports were good, and information was sent to the Weather Service: There were check-ins from Southcoast and Falmouth also.

Radio Events:

Chairman, Bob Kelley, **K1KVV** reported that propagation on 15 meters has been good. There is information listed on the ARRL Contest Corral page of upcoming contests. He also noted that Skywarn Recognition Day is coming up, and Kids Day is scheduled for next month. Straight Key night is coming up at the end of the month. Activities listed on the web page are current.

Communications:

There were no communications received this month.

Application for Membership Accepted (To be voted on next meeting):

Applications were received from 2 individuals this month. They are

Lucilio Cannira, **KE1SL**

Ryan Mendonca, **KC1OCH**

A motion was made to vote both on 1 ballot. The motion was accepted unanimously. They will be voted for full membership at the next meeting.

Ratification of Application for Membership (Tabled at previous meeting): None

Old Business:

The 160m antenna was brought up again and member: Tim, **W1MKA** brought up some info on a delta loop antenna. some discussion, but no decision yet.

A VE session is scheduled for next Saturday. It was noted that all communication on VE sessions or inquiries should be directed to Paul, **K1PGS**.

Marcel, **W1MLD** was asked of the progress of the new alarm system. He noted that everything was ready except the access means. He has investigated 3 types of entry means and prices. he will have more information at the next meeting. Each type is unique, and a decision should be made by next meeting. It was also reported that a new phone line will not be needed due to the discovery of an unused line that would be acceptable for this application.

A question was brought up as to how this will apply to the new handicap ramp door. It is being considered also in the search for the new entry device.

New Business:

A question was brought to the floor pertaining to excess money in our bank accounts. It was discussed by members as to the best and most advantageous way to maintain it. Suggestions were made to discuss the matter with a financial planner. It was also brought up whether we should just leave it as is. More discussion will follow in the coming meetings as the consensus of members present was to look into the matter.

Good of the Club: None

Nominations/Elections:

Nominations were opened again before the election, and no changes were added. Nominations were closed.

Voting was opened for the slate nominated at the last meeting.

President	Marcel Dumont, W1MLD
Vice President	A.J. Chiron, AG1Y
Secretary	Armand Augustine, W1BUG
Treasurer	Mike McDonald, KB1NB

BoD (2021) Marty Jordan, **KA1YFV**
Don Manley, **N1PMB**
Scott Smith, **KE1CN**
Trustee Richard Netinho, **AC1JG** (2025)

A motion was made and accepted to vote the slate all together. The Secretary, Armand, **W1BUG** cast 1 vote to elect the slate.

The newly elected slate accepted the thunderous applause from the membership!

Motion to Adjourn: 8:06pm

Respectfully,
Armand Augustine, **W1BUG**
Secretary

cc:

M. Dumont, **W1MLD**
R. Kelley, **K1KVV**
SEMARA Bulletin Board

Members Present:

Marcel DuMont	W1MLD	Armand Augustine	W1BUG
Rick Sadek	KJ1L	Bob Kelley	K1KVV
Larry Ferreira	AE1GXD	Marty Jordan	KA1YFV
Tim Brown	W1MKA	J.P. Chiron	AG1Y
Mike Ponte	W1BZJ	John Cooney	KB1TPG
Mike McDonald	KB1NB	Rick Netinho	AC1JT
Paul Sadek	K1PGS	Richard Halliwell	K1AHA
Ed Caron	KA1RSY		