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# **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM by SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD. Following the salute to the flag, a moment of silence was observed for longtime SEMARA member John G. Carreiro, W1ZYV, who passed away at 92 years of age. Roll call commenced with 12 members present.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary was not present at the September business meeting. SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD performed the task in his absence. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to dispense with reading the report from the prior meeting and to accept it as posted on bulletin board and website.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported:

Income - \$1,795.43 Expenses - \$2,782.86 Net Worth - \$157,277.50 Blue Sky Security Deposit in Escrow - \$12,000

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the report to audit.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### • BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that everything is okay.

#### • SCHOLARSHIP

Nothing to report.



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# • TECHNICAL

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC reports that everything is okay.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### • ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joseph E. Krisnosky, Jr., N1IXC reports that RACES had their monthly test on Monday. A half dozen people checked in and everything was working okay. No messages were received from MEMA.

#### • RADIO EVENTS

Nothing to report.

#### • REPEATER

SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reports that all is in good shape and everything is working great.

#### • WEB

SEMARA President, Marcel L. Dumont, W1MLD reports that the website in good shape. Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC has been taking care of it and has been doing a really good job.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.



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# **RATIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS**

We received one application from Stephen Mederios, KC1CWR of East Freetown. Steve is involved with RACES, emergency management, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA and he is a general class license holder. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept his application to be voted on next month.

An application for membership that was accepted last month from Manuel L. Leite, KE1EZ was voted upon. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept Manual as a lifetime member.

#### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Nothing to report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

HamPlus was brought up for discussion. The initial purchase was approved at a prior meeting; however, the details were not yet reviewed. Joseph A. Barros, K1EZ explained that he contacted the manufacturer in Brazil, and they wrote back to provide detailed information. He put together an equipment list based on the block diagrams on their website and was able to figure out what components are needed for us to build the system.

After Joe explained this to the membership, a question-and-answer session took place for approximately 45 minutes. Following that discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to purchase one HamPlus unit, one controller, and one data cable for an amount up to \$4,500. This gives plenty of leeway to purchase two more controllers and the required cables with the remaining funds after the initial system hookup.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A device called the OWL that would allow us to livestream the meeting from the Clubhouse was suggested. This needs further research and was tabled for discussion until next month.

A brief discussion took place on the need for a new club laptop. Further research will need to be done and will be presented at a future meeting.



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# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report, except to oil the squeaky chair.

# **NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS**

November is nominations month.

### ADJURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott R. Smith, KE1CN SEMARA Secretary