



## SEMARA

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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by President, Marcel Dumont.

Following the salute to the flag a roll call was taken. There were 13 members present in-person and via Zoom. There were also 2 guests present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary was absent, so no report was available.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mike McDonald KB1NB was absent but sent a brief report that we received \$189 in interest income for July.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Buildings and Grounds**

Martin Jordan, KA1YFV reported he took care of the hornets' nest on the air conditioner unit.

- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Nothing to report.

- **TECHNICAL**

Joe Barros K1EZ reported he got the Signalink sound card to work on the Icom 756PRO for FT8. It still needs to be researched now to get it to work on CW with the CW Skimmer software. The boom lift was repaired last week but Alan was out of town.

The new inverted "V" needs to be tuned to adjust the frequency for 80 and 160 meters.

CCTV camera needs to be installed inside the tower fence enclosure on our repeater building. Rich Netinho, AC1JG said he was working on it. Also, the camera that failed last month has been repaired.



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### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **ARES, RACES, & SKYWARN**

Nothing to report.

- **RADIO EVENTS**

Nothing to report.

- **REPEATERS**

The 220-repeater antenna was moved to install the Dish Network antenna system but when it was reinstalled it is tilted off vertical. Alan will fix it when he climbs the tower.

- **WEB SITE**

Marcel says Rick Cabral is still managing the web site, but he hasn't been able to get in touch with him lately.

### COMMUNICATIONS

None

### RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Motion made and seconded to accept Joseph Reed, who was accepted at the July meeting, as a life member. Voted unanimously in favor.

Two applicants were present and submitted applications for membership, David Zaluski and Ryan Zaluski. Marcel accepted both applications with payment. Motion made and seconded to accept their applications. Voted unanimously in favor to send to the next meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

Shrubs need to be trimmed. Cutting back the bittersweet that invaded the antenna support needs to be finished. Larry Ferreira reported he has not had a chance to call Mass save for the energy audit yet.



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### **NEW BUSINESS**

Larry Ferreira proposed giving Greg Demers \$200 in gift cards to his favorite restaurants for helping out with the CCTV and antenna projects at the club. Motion made and seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

Rich Netinho, AC1JG proposed changing the hard disk drives in the club's computers to solid state drives to make them faster until they can be replaced with newer computers.

Marcel, W1MLD brought up the issue about changing banks that was discussed at the previous meeting. Rockland Trust and First Citizens Federal Credit Union were brought as possible replacements. The matter was tabled until Mike McDonald could be present at a future meeting to vote on the issue.

### **GOOD OF THE CLUB**

Marcel W1MLD mentioned he received a letter of resignation from Scott Smith KE1CN as the club elected secretary effective immediately. Motion was made and seconded to accept. Voted unanimously in favor.

Marcel W1MLD mentioned that Joe Barros K1EZ has been transcribing the audio files from previous meetings to create minutes. Larry Ferreira WA1GXV suggested the Joe be appointed acting secretary until the next election of officers. Larry motioned to make the temporary appointment, seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

Marcel W1MLD mentioned that the club spend up to \$150 to buy an audio recorder to record club meetings. Joe Barros K1EZ mentioned he recently purchased one for himself to do that and mentioned he was willing to sell it to the club. Motion was made and seconded to purchase the audio recorder a Sony UX570 from Joe Barros. Voted unanimously in favor.

Larry Ferreira mentioned to the membership that people could use the club radio room for contests if they wanted to.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:53 PM and was seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.