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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. There were 13 members present and 3 guests. The club internet had failed and there was no zoom or meeting owl availability.

SECRETARY REPORT

The secretary report from the August 3, 2023 meeting was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept as read. Voted unanimously in favor. The minutes were then posted on the club bulletin board.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer was absent but President Marcel Dumont read an email from Mike McDonald regarding the club finances.

INCOME: Dues \$40.00
Interest \$435.75
Blue Sky \$1,785.40
Total \$2,261.15

EXPENSES: Building and grounds \$669.02
Food \$130.68
Utilities \$998.40
Total \$1,798.10

ASSETS: Liquid assets \$32,642.84
Treasury securities \$151,023.92
Net assets \$183,666.76
(Does not include the Blue Sky \$12,000 security deposit)

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **BUILDINGS and GROUNDS**

Martin Jordan reports everything is OK.



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- **SCHOLARSHIP**

Nothing to report.

- **TECHNICAL**

The new solid state hard drives were installed on the 3 computers in the radio room and they now boot up fully in about 20 to 25 seconds rather than the 2 to 3 minutes previously. Rich Netinho was still trying to source RAM for the computers but since the hard drive update it may not be needed since the computers aren't running that many programs at once.

- **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

ARES: Nothing to report

RACES: Monthly drill will be held this Monday, September 11, at 7:30 PM on the repeater.

- **REPEATERS**

The 220 repeater is still efficient. We are still waiting for Alan Costello to climb the tower to repair the antenna.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

RATIFICATION of NEW MEMBERS

David Zalusky and Ryan Zalusky were present and their applications for membership were accepted for consideration at the August meeting. A motion was made and seconded to combine both applications for membership into one vote. The motion was voted unanimously in favor. A motion was made to accept them both as life members. The vote was unanimous in favor.

An application from Ellery Reynolds, KC1TGO, was presented for consideration for membership. Ellery was present at the meeting as a guest. A motion was made and seconded to accept the application; the vote was unanimous in favor to send to the next business meeting for approval.



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OLD BUSINESS

Marcel has not been able to get in touch with the electrician to install the outside lights. A member mentioned that he had spoken to Alan Costello and he said he was going to try to come down this weekend to work on the tower. Marcel said he was going to call Alan Friday morning to try to pin him down.

Larry mentioned the status of the gift cards for Greg Demers for his efforts helping the club with the CCTV system. Richie Netinho said he would take care of getting the cards to him. Joe Barros mentioned that we should invite him to the club on a meeting night on the pretense of needing work done as a more formal, gracious show off appreciation from the membership for his work. Richie Netinho said he would try to get him to be at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

VE Sessions, Paul Sadek said he had taken over the program from Fred some time ago and that he has been carrying around money accumulated from the VE Sessions that accumulated to \$522 before this past Saturday's session. Paul said he is going to keep \$22 for incase he needs to buy supplies for the sessions. Paul then presented President Marcel Dumont with a check for \$500 as proceeds from the test sessions. Marcel will give the check to the treasurer when he gets back from vacation.

Joe Barros suggested coming up with a plan to dispose of the old, unused club equipment that has been sitting around. Marcel mentioned that Don Roseina. He made a list but never gave the club the list. We need to have a meeting of the technical committee to determine what we have for equipment, keep some for spare in case we need it and come up with a means to dispose the of the rest that includes stuff in the shed.

Marcel mentioned that the club voted to buy a lateral file cabinet in the past that he wanted to put in place of the old wooden desk. Once the desk is removed then the file cabinet can be brought in. Marcel mentioned that anyone that wants the wood desk can take it.

Paul Sadek mentioned he needs to leave all the VS Sessions application to secure in the club files for the club records. Joe Barros mentioned maybe we need to go through the file cabinets and remove all the old paperwork that is no longer necessary.

Larry mentioned that we need to have a work party to take care of some issues on and around the building that still need to be taken care of.



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Marcel mentioned that the club rules require the club hold an election to replace an elected club officer that leaves, or the position becomes vacant before the persons term ends. Marcel opened nominations to fill the secretary position vacated by Scott Smith. Paul Sadek nominated Joseph Barros for the open secretary position. There were no other nominations, so Paul Sadek motioned to close the nominations. Motion was seconded and voted unanimously in favor. Paul Sadek asked when the annual nominations were, Marcel said that nominations will open at the November meeting for all officer positions.

GOOD OF THE CLUB

Joe Barros mentioned he has copies of the minutes for the business meetings and board of directors meetings and will post them on the bulletin board. Rick Cabral has posted the August business meeting minutes but none of the others yet.

Larry Ferreira mentioned that Marcel should send out an email to the membership as to why there was no Zoom and meeting owl connection due to the internet outage.

Richie Netinho mentioned he was going to clean up the club WIFI and internet connection wiring to combine the two separate connections into one system.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:11 PM, seconded and voted unanimously in favor.