

## SEMARA Business Meeting October 5, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:20PM

There were 14 members and 2 guests present.

Unfortunately there was no Zoom connection due to a computer issue.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

The security report for the September business meeting and the Board of Directors meeting were posted on the bulletin board. Motion to accept the reports as posted was seconded and voted in favor unanimously.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer reports that we have:

Checking:	\$40,545
Savings:	\$6,830
T-Bills:	\$131,493
Total:	\$178,867

Does not including the Blue Sky \$12,000 deposit)

Income: \$42,840 Blue Sky lease payment

Expenses: \$16,000 Taxes

Motion to accept and send to audit; Motion was seconded and voted in favor unanimously.

### **BUILDINGS and GROUNDS**

Marty Jordan reports everything is OK.

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Alan was working on the tower this week. The dipole is all set but it was too windy to work on the big beam. He needs to wait for a calm day.

The east facing cctv camera was replaced. Rich Netinho installed a cctv camera in our repeater building under the cell tower.

The WIFI was updated with a ubiquity WIFI access point for better, reliability access.

### **ARES and SKYWARN**

No one was present to discuss AREA or SKYWARN

### **REPEATER**

The 220 repeater antenna and cable is still waiting for Alan to climb the tower to repair them. AT&T has been working on the tower replacing their equipment so ALAN didn't want to conflict with their crews.

### **WEBSITE**

Marcel is still trying to reach Rick Cabral but he will not return his calls.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The club received a letter from the town water department to schedule an appointment to replace the water meter. This still needs to be acted on.

The club received the yearly rent check from Blue Sky in the amount of \$42,840.

The club will be purchasing another \$20,000 T-Bill today (Oct 5, 2023)

Blue Sky sent a letter to the club wanting to buy a perpetual easement for the area around the cell tower for \$517,000. This amount equals 12 years of annual rent payment. The Board of Directors agreed to contact the club attorney for advice. Marcel reported that attorney Scott Lang reviewed the letter and has several questions. It was agreed that attorney Lang would send a letter to Blue Sky asking them to clarify some of the language. The letter did have a deadline of Friday October 6, 2023 to be acted on.

### **RATIFICATION of NEW MEMBERS**

The club received an application from Ellery Reynolds KC1TGO for membership that was voted on unanimously at the September meeting to pass on for a vote to full membership. A motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously in favor to accept as a life member.

The club received two new applications for life membership one from David Rotondo, WA1YDH and John Visier, no call sign yet. A motion was made and seconded to accept the applications and send them to the November meeting for a final vote; Voted unanimously in favor.

### **ELECTION**

Joe Barros was nominated at the September business meeting to the vacant secretary post. Marcel opened the nominations again in case anyone else was interested. Seeing none the nominations were closed. Since only one candidate was nominated only one vote was needed to elect. President Marcel Dumont appointed Vice-President Larry Ferreira to cast the lone vote. Joseph Barros was then elected as the official secretary.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The letter to the club from Webster bank was clarified and found not to apply to us. However, one provision does affect the club and that was the minimum amount in the checking account to avoid fees. That amount was raised to \$20,000 by the bank in order to keep the free checking. Treasurer Mike McDonald mentioned that the club's current checking account is called a Better Business Checking and would require the \$20,000 minimum; however, Webster also has Business Checking that only requires a \$4,000 minimum to avoid fees. Mike wants to change the checking account over to the Business Checking. A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously in favor to allow the treasurer to change the checking account.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **GOOD OF THE CLUB**

Greg Demers was present as a guest and was presented with a \$200 gift certificate to Amazon.com in appreciation of the work he has done for the club on his own time. He graciously accepted and thanked the club members for their generosity.

Treasurer made a motion to reimburse Joe Barros \$62 for the soda that he purchased for the club. The motion was seconded and voted on unanimously in favor.

Mike also mentioned that the club had passed a motion about 10 years ago to limit out of pocket food expenses to \$20. It was suggested that amount was too low considering inflation. A motion was made, seconded and voted on unanimously to raise the limit to \$75.

Larry Ferreira commented that we might want to do a food spread for the December meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously in favor to purchase refreshments and food for the Christmas meeting.

Marcel mentioned that nominations are opened for club officers at the November meeting and anyone wishing to run should consider the opportunity.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 was made, seconded and voted on unanimously.