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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:06PM.

There were 13 members present at the club, 2 guests, and 7 on-line via Zoom.

A moment of silence was observed for late club member Sonny Mello's wife that passed away.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary report was read and posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made and seconded to accept as read and voted unanimously in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income from T-Bills was \$799.00
Expenses were utilities \$575.00
AED Purchase \$1921.00
Property Tax \$2511.00

Net worth T-Bills \$190,552.00, total assets \$217,084.00 (Not including Blue Sky deposit)

A motion was made and seconded to send to audit and voted unanimously in favor.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Buildings & Grounds**

Nothing to report

- **Scholarship**

Nothing to report

- **Technical**

There was an issue with the 900 repeater not linking to the Near 900 Network. Rick was from Near 900 wanted to change the club's password to one of their own for ease of trouble shooting. Members felt this needed more information and will make a request to have someone from the Near 900 group visit the club and explain the issue.

Jed Barton mentioned that the 220 repeater All Star project is built but waiting for a sound fob for the repeater interface. Jed also recommended changing the 2 meter repeater to All Star as well.

Tim Brown and Paul Sadek mentioned that there was an issue with the Icom 7300 not matching properly to the big beam on 10 meters. Marcel mentioned that he used it on Wednesday 1/31 and he had no issues. It was suggested it could have been weather related.

Joe Barros mentioned that the big beam rotor controller is not tracking the antenna rotor properly and needs to be looked at.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

There will be an Eastern MA ARES drill on Saturday 2/3/24 at 10 AM using the club 2 meter repeater and identifying as W1EMA.

There will be a RACES net on Monday 2/5/24 at 1930 on the 2 meter repeater.

- **Radio Events**

Nothing to report

- **Repeater**

See the technical section for information on the repeater projects.

- **WEB**

Mike Ponte said the site is working properly. The Facebook page is no longer accessible and it may have been shut down for lack of use. It was suggested that Mike make a new page and change the title to be more specific rather than use SEMARA.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report

RATIFICATION of NEW MEMBERS

Mike Enos, W1MS and Linda Enos, W1ZYV submitted membership applications. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the applications and send them to the March meeting for full ratification.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Barros reported that Mass Save submitted a quote for lighting upgrades to the club. The scope of work is to remove the fluorescent light ballasts in all the fixtures and replace the lamps with LED tubes, replace any screw base lights with LED's, weather strip 3 doors, and add low flow aerators to 3 sinks. Mass Save will not touch the street light on the utility pole that the club pays for so it was suggested that Eversource be called to see if they will change it to a LED fixture. Total project cost is \$2178.28, Eversource will pay \$1799.08 of that leaving a balance of \$379.20 the club is responsible for.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the proposal and spend the \$379.20.

Joe Barros and Marcel Dumont met with Mass Save again on 1/31/24 along with an insulation contractor to look at the clubs insulation needs. We are currently waiting for a quote.

It was suggested that the club hire a contractor to remove the old sheet metal duct work in the crawl space to make the insulation installation easier. It was mentioned that Marcel should ask the contractor that did the siding if he was interested in doing the job.

Joe Barros mentioned that the Wareham Boy Scout Troop 39 will be at the club on 2/17/24 at 10 am for a discussion on amateur radio that is required for their radio merit badge.

Rich Netinho recommended the club purchase the Ham Clock software and a small Raspberry Pi computer to run it. That will give us local and UTC time in the radio room. The cost is under \$100 so no vote is needed.

FOR THE GOOD of THE CLUB

The club received the Zoll AED and case which was mounted to the wall near the radio room door. We also received a donated first aid kit backpack with more up to date and robust supplies. This will be hung under the AED cabinet.

The Southeast Mass Emergency Management Directors want to hold a meeting in the club hall on 8/15/24 from 7 to 9 PM.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to allow them to use the meeting room.

The club is looking for replacement handicap parking signs from sources that are less than \$45 each.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM.