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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 2 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Club President Richard Netinho, AC1JG.

There were 23 members present at the club and a few were online via zoom.

Officers Present: President	Richard Netinho, AC1JG
Vice President	Joe Barros, K1EZ
Treasurer	Mike McDonald, KB1NB
Secretary	Walt Schneider, N1ZE

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

The treasurer was away from the meeting and the report was not read.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings & Grounds

Marty KA1YFV is continuing as the chairman of the building and grounds with Manny Estela KC1VMI on the committee.

Nothing to report

Scholarship

Paul Fredette, K1YBE, chair for the scholarship committee

Art DeMello, Committee Member.

Paul reported that nothing was received for the scholarships and has been to Bishop Stang to talk o the STEM teacher about a visit the club.

A motion was made and seconded to change the scholarship deadline to June 30th. This was voted by club members unanimously in favor.

Paul plans to call other local schools to see if there is any interest.

Technical

Technical committed chairman. Rick Cabral, W1RJC,
Technical Committee Members.

Jed Barton N1JBC
Joe Barros, K1EZ
Paul Fredette, K1YBE
Ben Jackson, N1WBV
Rick Netinho, AC1JG
Walt Schneider, N1ZE
Rick Cabral, W1RJC,

Rick Cabral gave the technical committee status for the repeater repairs and antenna issues. The repeater is waiting for parts.

Rick Cabral indicated that the tower may have had a Lightning strike at 815 am. This damaged a Network switch, an edge router burned out and this has been replaced. The scanner audio feed locked up, as did 2 meter and 220 alstar locked up. Nothing major burned out. One radio for the camera was out and the two wifi repeater set ups which are access points are not receiving anything.

Joe Barros mentioned that the osprey were back and this may impact tower climbing for the next 6 months. It was noted that it is possible to go around their next area as the tower is very wide and this could be done withing disturbing the birds.

Rick also indicated a lightning strike a couple of mornings ago, 815 am. Not too much damage

It was noted that the Edge router burned out.

It was noted that the Scanner audio feed was down.

Also the 2 meter and 220 alstar locked up. It was noted that nothing else had burned up. One radio is out for the camera.

Technical committee discussed two WiFi repeater setups and one of access point is not receiving anything.

Al Costello has not come for the antenna. Discussion about alternatives was had with Marcel indicating that only approved blue sky tower approved people can do it. It was discussed that the club should be looking for someone to climbing the tower. It was also noted that there are a number of other tower climbers available, but they have to be approved and there is a cost advantage for having Al do it..

Update on the Kenwood repeater... Parts are in. Waiting for repair.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

? **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Ed Caron, KA1RSY, Nothing to report.

• **QSL Manager**

Joe Barros, K1EZ

Cards are in to support any QSL requests.

Log book of the world is backlogged due to no internet.

? **Radio Events**

N one

? **WEB**

Mike Ponte, W1BZJ, said Web site is working fine.

COMMUNICATIONS

Rick is working on the master database updates. Dealing with SK, moves, license lapses.

Discussion was had concerning John Pavoio wa1lpm who needs tower work. Looking for someone to give him a hand.

RATIFICATION of NEW MEMBERS

No New applications

John Paul (JP) DeRoy. Application for membership. Motion was made to accept seconded. The club members present all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcel continued talked with Scott Lang concerning tower. Octagon approached the club and proposed to pay 25k at the end of the term in 2039 to extend the lease. Octagon is a company that does negotiation for the tower people.

NEW BUSINESS

It was a proposed by John Visser, AC1QC that a motion was made to reimburse Paul K1YFE and Walt N1ZE \$50.00 each for the Conference fees to the Ham-sci, contingent on them providing a report back to the club at the next meeting.

A motion was made and the club voted 31 in favor and 1 against. Motion passed

Tech class being planned for at Dartmouth police station.

Joe Barros noted that the antenna rotor can be repaired without rotor at a rate of 90 per hour. However a used replacement controller was found for \$281.72 and was purchased.

A motion was made to reimburse Joe Barros on cost of the replacement rotor. Motion was seconded and club members voted unanimously to approve the reimbursement.

A discussion was had concerning a recommendation to get a Green Heron computer interface upgrade for the rotor . It was suggested that the club purchase an add on kit to allow the existing rotor controller to be interfaced to the web.

FOR THE GOOD of THE CLUB

Paul Fredette discussed a Cyber Security event at Bridge water state college and how this would simulate how to restore the internet in case of emergency. It was noted that amateur radio would be up first in the event of a real emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 745 PM was seconded and voted unanimously in favor

CLUB MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

Date: 4/2/26

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MEMBERS

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