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# BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 4th 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Club President Richard Netinho, AC1JG.

There were 26 members present at the club and 4 were online via zoom and 2 visitors present.

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 report was read and accepted:

May, \$40 income.

Expenses, actual 2763.00. Ham gear. Repeaters. Biggest expense.

Total Funds available June, \$222,664.00, plus 12k blue sky security account.

Mike is going to the Webster bank to resolve the paperwork for treasury.

A motion was made and seconded and the club voted in favor of sending the treasures report to audit.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### **Buildings & Grounds**

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

Vent replaced.

Shed door needs fixed  
Access panel needs fixed.  
Discussed painting the steps or stain them.  
Power wash the peeling paint

## 🔍 **Scholarship**

Paul Fredette, K1YBE, chair for the scholarship committee with Art DeMello, Committee Member.

The committee decided to just Target these schools (New Bedford and, Dartmouth and Fairhaven and Bishop Stang) due to the apparent lack of interest at all of the high schools for the clubs scholarship. Paul dropped off material at Bishop Stang Fairhaven high and spoke to the AP chemistry class and invited the kids to the Open house on Sunday if anyone was interested in the scholarship and ham radio. Paul indicated that we may have visitors on Sunday.

## 🔍 **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.

Nothing major to report.

Al (The authorized Tower Climber) was heard from, plan is Sunday for a tower climb. And a crew will be here to help him. Was here last Friday for a discussion about what needed to be done.

One issue with the 900 repeater, it let go. Swapped electronics out with backup from the 2 meter repeater. A question was asked about the range for this repeater (900 Mhz)...Various members reported range is towards to north, Freetown. West to the Bragga bridge. East to Wareham.

It was noted that field day coming up.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### 🔍 **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Ed Caron, KA1RSY, Nothing to report.

Robert Macedo, Sunday May 31, 10 am Weather Service Sky Warn class was held at the club.

Class went well, maybe a second class in the fall if people are interested.

Monday tried to connect to the minute man repeater association was attempted. Not an issue here, but elsewhere.

- **QSL Manager**

Joe Barros, K1EZ

Cards are in to support any QSL requests.

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

Updated the log books to logbook of the world, qrz

Joe requested everyone please use UTC date and time, not local time. It was noted that the time is clearly shown on the Ham Clock on the monitor on the wall.

Lots of uploads from hand written logs.

- **Radio Events**

Field day coming up.

- **WEB**

Mike Ponte, W1BZJ, reported SEMARA Website is working fine.

Posted meeting meeting and results VE session.

VE session is planned and will be on the website.

Rick is updating the silent keys in the database.

- **Fiance committee,**

Mike resolved the routing number at Webster bank. It was noted that there is still no treasury income.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

## **RATIFICATION of NEW MEMBERS**

Motion was made and seconded on the Application for life member for Stacey Blouse, KC1ZDQ to make her a full member. The club members present all voted in favor.

Application was received from Eric Chew, KC1ZRA, Technician. Motion was made to accept the application for membership and Seconded. The club members present all voted in favor.

Application was received from Thad Yukna, KC1ZNU, Technician. Motion was made to accept the application for membership and Seconded. The club members present all voted in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Marcel continued talks with Scott Lang concerning tower.

Marcel spoke to Scott Lang about the tower. Discussed 25k for a 40 year contract, starting in 2039. Their proposal was modified so that the club would get 25k now and was rejected. Club countered with a 50k offer, it was rejected by Blue Sky, and second counter offer was made by the club to split the difference, 37.5k, now not in 40 years. Plan is they will bring it to the Blue Sky.

One major provider on the tower was eliminated, direct TV provider is now there. The additional amount of money in 3-5 years will not be realized.

Drive way effort is not resolved yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No discussion recorded.

## **FOR THE GOOD of THE CLUB**

Wheat Kelley N1YCQ, gave a fantastic Earth Moon Earth (EME) tech talk discussion with slides. Wheat indicated that the slides will be put up on the web site if anyone is interested.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn after 800 PM was seconded and voted unanimously in favor

**CLUB MEETING SIGN IN SHEET**

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**MEMBERS**

	CALL	NAME
1	ACIJB	RICHARD METINKO
2	KLEZ	JOSEPH BARRA
3	KIYBE	PAUL FREDETTE
4	WIMLD	MARCEL DUMONT
5	KAIRSY	ED CROU
6	NLPMB	DON MANLEY
7	WIXC	JOSEPH KRISNOSKY
8	KAWBF	MARC JODOIN
9	KCIUME	MANUEL ESTROLA
10	WAIGYU	LARRY FERREIRA
11	WIBZJ	MIKE PONTE
12	NLKP	KEN PERREAVIT
13	KCLEBD	RICHARD LOISELLE
14	WBIFBP	SCOTT JEMMEY
15	KAVYK	MARTY
16	KCLEBB	DAVE FREDETTE
17	KCIUJO	MIKE SILVIA
18	WIBSN	BARRY NOEL
19	AB1FB	CRAIG DEREWIANY
20	W1AMN	ADAM NAWOICHNIK
21	KCI2DQ	STACEY BLOUSE
22	KBINB	MICHAEL McDONALD
23	NIZE	MARK SCHUM
24	N1YCB	WHEAT KELLEY
25	ACIQC	JOHN VISSER

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**GUESTS**

	CALL	NAME
1	ACIRW	LINDA KELLEY
2	K12RA	ERIC CHEW
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	CALL	NAME
6	WIRJC	RICK CABRAL
7	WIEAV	CHRIS WASHBURN
8	W1JBC	JED BARTON
9	KEICW	SCOTT SMITH
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