

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:01 p.m. by the President, Donald Manley, N1PMB. Thirty-six members were present.

The Vice-President, Chuck Moszczenski, KB1FRL, read the minutes of the Board meeting of April 22, 2004.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Ron Silvia, WB1HGA) with the correction of Tony Duarte's call N1XRS, the minutes of the April business meeting as they appeared in the May issue of Zero Beat was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Scott Szala, W1EV) was accepted as read.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buildings and Grounds (Andy Reuter, WA1FNM)—The boiler has been shut down for the season. Problems were noted during the shut down. It cannot be turned back on until repairs are made.
2. Technical (Tony Duarte, N1XRS)—Two transmitters have be ordered, but the check has not been sent yet. Bill Miller, K1IBR, will assist with the installation. He is also working on the 100 W amplifier. There are some charred components
3. Activities (Scott Szala, W1EV)—The clam bake went well. The next event would be the lobster meal in July. Is the club interested? The price may need to go up. The chicken BBQ will be in August or September.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Scholarship (Larry Houbre, Jr., AA1FS)—None.
2. Internet (Larry Houbre, Jr., AA1FS)—None.
3. Fleamarket (Chairman needed)—None.
4. Building (Scott, W1EV)—None.
5. ARES Report (Rob Macedo, KD1CY)—A Red Cross communications test is planned for the first Wednesday of every month. The MS Walk is Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Only a couple of people have stepped forward to help with communications, They need more help. The Boston and Waltham Chapters will likely be involved with the Democratic National Convention in Boston. Rob would like a couple of amateurs to go up to Waltham. We may want to staff our station to support the Red Cross.

COMMUNICATIONS

(Charles Moszczenski, KB1FRL)—Read a "1000 Miles per Watt" achievement award that was awarded to Ron Silvia, WB1HGA.

RATIFICATION OF NEW AND CONDITIONAL MEMBERS

Four applications for membership were voted life members (see page 4 for details).

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

(Donald Manley, N1PMB)—Thanks to all for the help at the clambake.

A chairman is still needed for the fleamarket.

There had been two recent silent keys: Steve Spulock, N1DSN; and Ralph Morris, W1QUE. Joseph Rodriques, N1BZZ and Louis Whitlow, WA1GDE, have been recently ill and are recovering nicely.

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled* The purchase of the 220 MHz radio equipment has been tabled until the repeater has been taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

Passed:* Motion that the club appropriate up to \$200 for the parts needed by Bill Miller, K1IBR to fix the amplifier.

Passed:* Motion to use the clubhouse for an Eastern Massachusetts ARES Advanced Workshop on Emergency Communications on August 28, 2004. This will be a hands-on session practicing the set-up of a station at a shelter. This will include a chicken BBQ that will cost about \$20.

Passed:* Motion to appropriate up to \$250 to obtain the stone to finish the driveway. Scott Szala, K1EV, will take care of obtaining the stone.

Passed:* Motion to purchase no new radio equipment, except for maintaining what we have. We need to prioritize the spending of money, not leaving out maintenance and preparing for the new building.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

Al Dulong, WB1FQP, asked when our new antenna was going up. The cell company has not yet sent the materials to put up on the tower.

Bob Kelley, K1KVV, reminded us that contributions to Zero Beat are encouraged to be sent in to editor [at] semara [dot] org.

Bill Miller, K1IBR, mentioned that there was another Zero Beat at a radio club in Agawam.

Larry Lazarov, KB1GSK, suggested that he do a tech talk on the handling of prisoners, in light of the recent problems in Iraq.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Chuck Moszczenski, KB1FRL, Vice President

* All motions accepted and passed by the members present.