

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Rick Cabral, W1RJ, President, at 7:00 p.m. on Feb 2, 2006 with the salute to the Flag, and a roll call of 34 members. We have 1 guest.

SECRETARY (Ron Silvia, WB1HGA) – report accepted as printed in Zero Beat.

TREASURER (Scott Szala, W1EV) – absent. Report read by President; accepted as read.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING & GROUNDS (Mike Miller, N1ITQ) – There is nothing to report. He has volunteered at this meeting, to become property custodian. Thank you, Mike!

TECHNICAL (Roland, N1JOY) – Roland reports that Rob KD1CY and Tony N1XRS have also volunteered to serve on this committee. The new antenna is in, with plans to install it soon. Club cost is \$655. Explains we now have a work list. If anyone wishes to place a work order for any technical repairs to approach the committee and it will be entered on this list. The auto patch is now working with a list of numbers to program. Regarding the PCs, the XP operating systems are in, when installed, all users will be able to use the PCs except to install and delete programs. (You can download a file, but you can't install it)

ACTIVITIES (Scott Szala, W1EV) – absent. In his place, Don, N1PMB, announces Steer Roast in March. Tickets and date will be announced at the March meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP/INTERNET (Larry Houbre Jr., AA1FS) – There is nothing to report on scholarship. Larry explains if you email to the Semara reflector along with any other addressees, it will be seen by the Semara reflector as spam and it gets dropped. Send your email only to members@semara.org and it will be posted.

ARES (Rob Macedo, KD1CY) – absent. Read by President: “ARES exercise Feb. 25 at 10 a.m.; ARES net Feb 6 on MMRA repeater system. The meeting with Governor's office went well with potential additional support from said office and a Ham Radio Proclamation to be issued by the Governor in June.” Also Charles, KD1DA announces the local New Bedford ARES Monday night @ 7:15 p.m. and looking for volunteers.

RADIO EVENTS (Ron Silvia, WB1HGA) – Ron reports success with Kid's Day and thanks all operators who volunteered their time to make it a success. Announces FISTS Sprint to be held on second Sunday this month.

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Roland Daignault, N1JOY) – Roland explains the first task is to define what the committee will be doing and their priority. There is bathroom renovation, floor resurfacing, and building expansion. Roland has asked all involved in this committee to meet and discuss our objectives. He is also looking for volunteers to serve in the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS (Carl Bissonnette, WA1AKR) – absent.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS – none.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – A Certificate of Recognition to Andrew Reuter WA1FNM, was presented by the club President.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Monthly club auction to be held every third Thursday of month at 7 p.m. before Tech Talk.

Carry over motions: contingency funds for committees and kitchen supplies and food for use by members and guests.

Motion: to have hot water installation done by a volunteer.

Motion: to table: having petty cash fund not to exceed 100 dollars to be accessible only by club officers and disbursements made only with receipt signed by officer and person receiving refund.

Motion: to sell one transmitter, one receiver and one cat controller on Ebay.

ALL MOTIONS ACCEPTED AND CARRIED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

Larry reminds us there is a VE session going on this Saturday Feb 4. If you are not participating, please do not be at the club between 10 and 12 noon, as it may cause distraction.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Silvia WB1HGA