

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Rick Cabral, W1RJC with the salute to the flag and a roll call of 53 members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Ron Silvia WB1HGA) accepted as printed in Zerobeat

TREASURER (SCOTT SZALA W1EV) Accepted as read.

Reading of BOD minutes of June 2006

With motion to carry recommendations (that the copier remain locked, and that portion of hut roof be tar to protect radio room) passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BUILDING & GROUNDS (Mike Miller N1ITQ)

Replaced the old refrigerator with a newer donated by Bob (KA1YON) then had old one delivered to dump. Oil tank is filled with stabilizer added.

2. TECHNICAL (Rick Cabral W1RJC)

The repeater now has male and female voiceovers. The female voice is Mary Knight of 104.5 XLO in Worcester, MA and our latest addition male voiceover is Greg Jenson of WBZ 1030 in Boston. Greg is thrilled to do the voiceovers and has donated his time and talent to SEMARA.

Re-organized all control operator and user commands, as well as add informative new top of hour announcements and post activity messages about SEMARA information and events. Repeater Control operators K1KID, W1GYL, W1VRP, AA1FS and N1JOY were emailed all of the new Control Op commands yesterday.

Finally, next weekend, Dave Goldstien and Rick will be completing the run of new 8 conductor CAT-6 underground cable. This cable will replace the old cable that was removed 2 months ago. This cable will carry the repeaters autopatch, club low temperature alarm, and club power fail alarm. User codes for the repeater will also be re-presented in the upcoming weeks, and pending jammer activity, the autopatch, user speed dial and emergency speed dial will all be functional.

In the Spring of 2005, a motion was made to expend up to \$150 on an HT to replace the repeater remote radio on the clubhouse wall. You may recall that this radio has a PL problem, thus the need to replace it. For the past year and a half, this has been on hold as other technical items have taken priority and the money has NOT been used. Other plans had also been made to wire a remote head directly to the repeater; however this idea has been discarded for various reasons. a recommendation to the membership to revise the original motion to expend up to \$200 to purchase a commercial mobile radio, such as the Kenwood TK-760. This radio will be programmed to be on 147.000 and the head and microphone will be mounted on the wall to replace the current radio. A motion would need to be made under new business by any member to approve this.

3. ACTIVITIES (Scott Szala W1EV)

Scott is looking for help this Saturday's BBQ supper, 20 tickets still available.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SCHOLARSHIP (Larry Hobre Jr. AA1FS)

Absent

2. ARES (Rob Macedo KD1CY)

Reminds all to keep eye for tropical depression in Atlantic; suggests you take IS 100, 700, and 800 courses to qualify for different levels of emergency communications support; Reminds all about the nets on Mondays for ARES and RACES.

3. RADIO EVENTS (Ron Silvia WB1HGA)

The only scheduled event of W1AEC is the club contest, Coast 2 Coast on Last Saturday of September. Doors open at 11AM everyone is invited.

4. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE (Roland N1JOY)

Reports good email feedback from club members; continuing work on gathering prices for materials we need; Also reports the New Building committee may not be ready for discussion on September 28, but will keep that date until further notice.

5. WEBSITE (Rick Cabral W1RJC)

The President announces that Larry (AA1FS) has resigned. This result in re-organization of the committee: Rick W1RJC chairperson, Tim Smith, Bob Kelly. The President wishes to thank Larry for his efforts and dedication over the years. Larry remains active as SEMARA's VE Team Leader and Liaison, as well as the trustee of our club call sign, W1AEC.

Between now and the October business meeting, we will be working together to develop a new SEMARA.org web portal that all members can easily navigate and enjoy, with no outdated information. The new site will feature a brand new member services area, a message board system, easy access to club events and the latest newsletter, online ordering of SEMARA branded merchandise such as hats and T-shirts, an online application to join SEMARA and pay via PayPal, and lots more. Any member with suggestions on what they wish to see in our SEMARA website is encouraged to email webmaster [at] semara [dot] org with their suggestions.

COMMUNICATIONS (David Goldstein W1DJG)

I have three certificates of appreciation to present tonight for individuals that have gone above and beyond to make contributions to SEMARA. Their efforts have not gone un-noticed.

I would like to present this certificate to WILLIAM K. HARGREAVES, N1QMU in recognition of his ongoing contributions to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for resealing the front and side decks of the clubhouse as needed.

Also, I would like to present this certificate to JOHN G. CARREIRO, W1ZYV in recognition of his ongoing contributions to the Buildings & Grounds Committee in painting and upkeep of the clubhouse doors and trim.

Finally, I would like to present this certificate to GREG GENSON, WBZ RADIO in recognition of his contribution of professional voiceovers for use on the the club's amateur repeater.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mike Correia W1MWC (was last a member in 1981)

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

In order to maintain peace among members and dispel rumors, incorrect statements/claims, he explains the reason for September special meeting is about information gathering; also, when a decision comes to fruit, to decide which way to go, he assures the membership that notice will go out when the time comes for such a meeting. And/or vote. Until then, he explains this is only in talk stages.

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: to amend original motion "to purchase a new radio", of monetary figure, to read 300 dollars;

Motion: to accept this amended motion: to purchase new radio up to 300 dollars on club wall;

Motion: Proxy voting of any kind will not be allowed in any SEMARA meeting;

Motion: that voting on Proxy motion, be withdrawn;

Motion: to remove William Miller from Board of Directors (withdrawn);

Motion: to have information packet send out to all members when time comes to vote on new building;

Reading of proposal: "Charge and Authority" pertaining to Board of Directors.

(see attached)

(All motions accepted and passed by the membership)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

Larry W1DBX has donated an interface to enable VOIP on 147.000 repeater.

Because of this, members have expressed their agreement to have Echolink and IRLP setup on the repeater.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted, Ron Silvia WB1HGA