



Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association

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January Business Meeting

January 4, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by president Louie-W1CH. A salute to the flag was made and followed by a roll call. There were 35 voting members in attendance and 1 guest.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Larry-W1DBX made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written in the January issue of ZeroBeat. Mike- KB1NB noted that the report needed to be amended, because under "Communications," the report stated that a motion passed to accept the resignation of two members, when in fact, only the resignation of W1EAV was accepted, and the resignation of Rick-W1RJC had not been dealt with. *The acceptance of the amended document passed unanimously.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year's end treasurer's report was read by Scott-W1EV, *A motion to accept it as read was made by Andy-WA1FNM, and passed unanimously.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Mike- N1ITQ, reported that everything seems to be in good shape, and the oil tank is full. He requested that anybody that owned, or had a connection to a snowplow for this winter season please let him know, so that clearing could be coordinated. Scott-W1EV stated that he had taken care of the snow plowing for this year, and that it would be done.

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SCHOLARSHIP

(No Chairman)

TECHNICAL

Tim-N1TI reported that the Internet is up and running and everything seems to be operating smoothly.

Telephone service is scheduled for installation Monday, Jan.8, 2007. He applied for our old number, and was told that Comcast still has a lock on it, and if it isn't released by installation, we will be assigned a different number. He also stated that the service would be a business line that cost about \$21, monthly and will also incur a usage fee for outgoing calls, but can be changed to unlimited calling for an additional fee if needed in the future.

The IRLP and ECHO Link are up and running, as of tonight. He reported some problems with the computer involved, however, \$500 had been allocated at a previous business meeting for updating the said computer, which has not been spent yet, and may not have to be, thanks to Dave-W1DJG for a surplus computer he arranged to be donated to the club.

The Web Site is being updated with new features slowly, and Tim asks that members leave him comments about what they would like to see on there. He said one of the new features on the website are audio feeds done by Bob-N1BLF, which are very interesting.

His project of scanning the archived ZeroBeat project is advancing smoothly and will be placed on the website in the near future

Marking Semara mail as spam is creating problems with Comcast blocking our mail to some. It is also very difficult to get it unblocked. He asked that members not do that.

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The "Polyphasers" that were approved at the last meeting were bought, installed and new Cat5 cables were also installed and checked out by Bill-K1IBR just before he got sick. Bill also routed a new telephone cable out to the input area on the outside of the building.

Plans are being made to get all the "bells & whistles" back on the repeater in the coming weeks.

ACTIVITIES

Scott-W1EV - Nothing to report

ARES/ SKYWARN

Rob-KD1CY Reports that on Monday, April 30th, the P3 Hunter hurricane aircraft will be coming to Rhode Island. He has been asked to provide some communications, and crowd management for this event. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact him

The new section manager is Arthur Greenberg- K1GBX

Next ARES drill will be conducted in late February or early March

An ARRL Division Cabinet meeting will be held at the Sheraton Framingham. The purpose of the meeting is to collect input and present it to the directorship at the end of January.

RADIO EVENTS

No Chairman - Nothing to Report

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NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Chris-K1CJS – Absent

COMMUNICATIONS

An application was received from Joseph Hampson. He stated that he had joined and sent in money years ago, and was told by former members that he had been accepted. He never received any communication or rosters. However, he is not concerned with the past and would like to rejoin, but did not send in the required fee with the application, and stated that he would send it in when he was accepted into the organization. The vice president will send him a note explaining that the fee has to accompany the application, and if he forwards it in time, the application would be presented for ratification next month.

A resignation from the club was received from Arthur Arruda-WA1GOV. It was the second time submitted, and it was properly signed and a motion to accept it was introduced by Charlie-KD1DA. *It passed by a majority vote.*

OLD BUSINESS

Henry-W1GYL presented a motion on the floor requesting rejection of the resignation tendered by Rick-W1RJC, due to the fact that it had not been acted upon at the last meeting, as shown in the amended minutes of the said meeting. A lengthy discussion followed, sometimes heated. 7 members spoke in favor of the motion, and 3 against. *The president called for a vote and the motion carried. 27 to 4.*

NEW BUSINESS

John-W1HIQ made a motion that would prohibit any organization account being opened in a name other than SEMARA. *The motion passed unanimously*

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Henry-W1GYL presented a motion to make the photocopy machine available to all members, and that it be removed from the secured area. After some discussion by the membership, it was agreed that it would be on a trial basis, and if its usage was abused it would be moved to the secure area once again. The main criteria would be the usage of the toner cartridge; if it became excessive it could be considered abuse. *Motion carried 32 to 3.*

Mike-KB1NB presented a motion to ratify a carry-over motion list. It included:

- 1) Motion to fund the monthly committee contingency fund at \$100 per month per committee.
- 2) Motion to continue the past practice of supplying free coffee, tea, soda, hot dogs, malassadas, donuts and similar goods for club use by members and guests at club functions. *Motion passed unanimously*

Mike-KB1NB moved that he be allowed to move some funds to a high yield CD that is currently advertised at 5.0% for 7 months. He noted our funds are getting .6% at this time. He felt that \$30,000 would be a safe amount to move. *The motion passed 33 to 1.*

There was discussion brought up by Dave-K1JGV questioning the status of the new building committee. Was it now defunct, and should it be regrouped? He stated an interest in chairing such a committee. It was the opinion of most that Chris-K1CJS is still the chair and the committee is ongoing. Dave said that he would contact Chris-K1CJS to confirm his status.

Ron-WB1HGA presented a motion that would remove the "Bill Miller Way" sign at the end of the driveway and to replace it with one honoring SK Alan Cooper-W1AEC. Some discussion took place with a few alternatives being offered for discussion. Among those were naming the "Radio Room" in his honor, Refurbish the sign at the property line, and perhaps add a line naming him as the founder of the organization. Most were in agreement that honoring Alan would be a noble thing to do. Mike-KB1NB made a motion to table, to a future meeting, noting that this idea needed much more input and thought before it should be finalized. *The motion to table carried unanimously.*

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GOOD OF THE CLUB

John-W1ZYV brought to attention that the club had subsidized \$18 for each meal. He questioned if the club should maybe order from the menu next year.

Bob-K1KVV invited anyone who knew or who had kids to come to the clubhouse as they feature "Kids Day", Sunday at 1:00 PM
Kids will be giving their name, age, and favorite color in an "on Air" QSO.
It should be fun! Mike-N1ITQ said that he would contact some of the boy scouts troops in the area and notify them.

Mike-KB1NB stated that he would like to have the Southeastern New England School of Law review a copy of our Articles of Corporation and bylaws to see if there is anything that should be written differently. It would have no cost to the organization.

Mike-KB1NB also cautioned all committee members to get authorization from committee chairman before making purchases.

At 8:55 PM a Motion to adjourn by K1JGV passed unanimously

Respectively Submitted,

Armand Augustine, W1BUG
Secretary