



# Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association

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## September Business Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2007

### Call To Order:

by *Louis D. Mester, W1CH* at 7:00 PM.

### Roll Call:

Members Present – 27  
Guests Present – 0

### Secretaries Report:

(*Michael J. McDonald, Jr., KB1NB* [acting]): *Lawrence Lygren, W1DBX* moved to accept the minutes of the August meeting as presented in September's ZeroBeat. Motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurers Report:

(*Michael J. McDonald, Jr., KB1NB*): The club's financial accounts' balance is \$64,332.40 as of August 31, 2007. NETCOM's September rent received in the non-contract amount of \$2420. A maturing Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$30,900.08 has been deposited to savings. According to club records last year's chicken barbeque was, essentially a break even proposition at \$5.00 per ticket with 44 tickets sold and expenses of \$217.56. Mike asked that, since his original annual budget of \$50 was expended, that an additional \$30 be authorized. *Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG* moved that \$30 be authorized for treasurer expenses. Motion passed unanimously. The cost of security cameras exceeded the authorized amount of \$500 by \$86.96. *Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG* moved that the additional amount be approved. Motion passed unanimously. *Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG's* motion to refer the report to audit passed unanimously.

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## Standing Committee Reports:

### Technical –

(*David J. Goldstein, W1DJG*): Security cameras have been purchased. Some noise on the repeater may be due to intermodulation. The new RFID club entry system is operational. Additional RFID card-keys and fobs are on order. Dave thanked *Charles A. Days, WA1JFD* for his donation of a commercial UPS to replace the stolen unit. The membership expressed its appreciation with a round of applause.

### Buildings & Grounds –

(*Michael R. Miller, N1ITQ* [absent]) No report.

### Scholarship –

(*Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr., AA1FS* [absent]) No report.

## Standing Committee Reports:

### Activities –

(*Scott E. Szala, W1EV* [absent]) No report.

### ARES & SKYWARN –

(*Robert D. Macedo, KD1CY*): August was fairly quiet. The Red Cross requested help with an upcoming test in October. The event will serve as the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for 2007. Currently it is planned for October 27 at 9:00 am. More info will be available at the next meeting. The voice override hurricane net is going well. December 1 will be SKYWARN recognition day.

### Renovation –

(*David G. Dean, K1JGV*): Dave recommends installing electric heat to solve the club's heating problem.

### QSL Manager –

(*John C. Nery, WA1ESO*): John reports responding to one QSL in August.

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## **Repeater –**

(*Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC*): The node will be returning to the repeater thanks to the donation of ISA sound cards.

## **Web Site –**

(*Timothy R. Smith, N1TI* [absent])

## **Communications –**

No report.

## **Ratification of New Members:**

No applications received this month.

## **President's Comments:**

None

## **Old Business:**

*Michael J. McDonald, Jr., KB1NB*, reported that the oil spill cleanup is continuing. High readings of contamination under the furnace house require its demolition for the further, necessary excavation. The furnace has been removed to the storage container. An invoice has been received from Frank Corp. for labor and materials through August 1 in the amount of \$24,142.79.

## **New Business:**

*Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG* moved to install electric heat in the club at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion passed: 23 yeas, 1 nay.

## **For The Good Of The Club:**

*Michael J. McDonald, Jr., KB1NB* reported that a member has set up a container for donations to cover the cost of coffee and donuts but reminds members that purchase with the club's funds is authorized by a motion approved in January.

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## **Elections:**

Elections were held for the (2) vacant trustee positions and secretary's position. Results:

Trustee: 24 ballots @ 2 votes per ballot; 13 required for election. *Charles A. Days, WA1JFD*, 23 votes; *Michael R. Miller, N1ITQ*, 17 votes; *Chris J. Smith, K1CJS*, 4 votes. Charlie and Mike elected.

Secretary: 23 votes cast, 12 required for election. *Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC* elected with 23 votes.

## **Adjournment:**

*David A. Neal, W2DAN's* motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. McDonald, Jr., KB1NB  
SEMARA Acting Secretary