



# Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association

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## October Business Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2007

### Call To Order:

by *Louis D. Mester, W1CH* at 7:10 PM.

### Roll Call:

Members Present – 27  
Guests Present – 0

### Secretaries Report:

(*Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC*): *Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG* moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as presented in October's ZeroBeat. Motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurers Report:

(*Michael J. McDonald, Jr., KB1NB*): \$896 has been paid to install the new heating system. \$1,000 was spent in taxes. \$310 was spent on tax preparation. \$597 was spent for new security camera. Current balance is \$63,849. *Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG*'s motion to refer the report to audit passed unanimously.

### Standing Committee Reports:

#### Technical –

(*David J. Goldstein, W1DJG*): Dave turned the floor to *Timothy R. Smith, N1TI* who reported that cards and FOBs for the new club lock system are still on back order, however he does have 10 available to members if they need one.



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## **Buildings & Grounds –**

(*Michael R. Miller, N1ITQ*) The rubbish pile from the old hut seems to be growing with outside garbage. Please do not dump on club property. The trash has been taken care of by Mike since he took over buildings and grounds. The town of Dartmouth is not providing trash pickup at the club.

## **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*): September has been fairly quiet. The Red Cross requested help with an upcoming test on October 27th at 9:00am. The event will serve as the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for 2007. December 1st will be SKYWARN recognition day. Rob will be at NWS Taunton for this event.

### **Renovation –**

(*David G. Dean, K1JGV*): Dave reports that the heating elements have been installed and phase one of the project is complete. It was noted to be careful not to bang chairs or furniture up against the heating units. The electrical work including the panel to support the heating system will be completed next.

### **QSL Manager –**

(*John C. Nery, WA1ESO* [absent]) No report.



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## **Repeater –**

(*Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC*): The IRLP and EchoLink node has been installed on the repeater 2 weeks ago. In the upcoming 2 months, the autopatch is planned to be restored along with a new 440 MHz remote base using the UHF antenna on the top of the tower that was formally in use by Rick's 440 repeater. We will be able to link to the MMRA network for the monthly ARES net as well as other uses by club members. This activity is not restricted by PAVE PAWS at this time.

## **Web Site –**

(*Timothy R. Smith, N1TI*) Tim Smith, N1TI reports that he is a little behind, but an update will be processed soon.

## **Communications –**

(*Michael J. McDonald, Jr., KB1NB*) reports that a Chicken BBQ is planned for Sunday, October 27th. W1EV will be planning the event as he has in the past. Tickets will be on sale for \$8 each.

## **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, but is temporarily on hold. We are waiting for a permit to continue with the demolition of the furnace/boiler room. Since it was built before 1981, it needs to be inspected for asbestos. A bill exists with a current balance due of \$24,000 from Frank Corp. We know that our insurance policy will at least cover up to \$10,000.



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## **New Business:**

*David G. Dean, K1JGV* motioned to invert the side door of the clubhouse (so that it opens toward the outside) to comply with the current fire code. Motion amended by *Michael J. McDonald, Jr. KB1NB*, to add that cost is not to exceed \$500. Motion and its amendment passed unanimously.

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

*Charles A. Days, WA1JFD* inquired if the clubhouse is up for rental for special functions. It was noted that past policy allowed for each member to use the facilities for a special event free once each year, as long as club officers were notified in advance for liability and scheduling.

*Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC* inquired about *Charles W. Pelletier, Jr., KD1DA*'s health. He is still in the hospital, but out of ICU. Rick recommended that we send a get well card to him on behalf of the club. Rick will bring a card for all to sign on Sunday.

*Timothy R. Smith, N1TI* advised everyone who obtained a new FOB or key card tonight to please try it and make sure it works on your way out. Tim also mentioned that the Nutmeg flea market in Wallingford, CT is this coming weekend.

*Donald T. Manley, N1PMB* announced that the Mt. Tom fleamarket is this Saturday at 10am in Agawam, MA.

*Timothy R. Smith, N1TI* mentioned that we need members for the Nominating Committee for the upcoming 2008 elections. *Armand F. Augustine, W1BUG* and *Christopher W. Washburn, W1EAV* joined the committee.



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## **Adjournment:**

*Robert D. Macedo, KD1CY* motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC  
SEMARA Secretary