



# Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association

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## SEMARA December 2007 Business Meeting

The December 6, 2007 business meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the president **Louis Mester, W1CH**. The salute to the flag was followed by a roll call. A quorum of 36 members was present. Two guests, who were also applicants for membership, were in attendance.

**Secretary's Report** was accepted as published in the December Zerobeat.

**Treasurer's Report (Mike McDonald, KB1NB)**: Club's financial accounts' balance is \$52,313.51 as of 30 November 2007. NETCOM's November rent and a replacement check for a returned September check were received in the non-contract amount of \$2420 (the September replacement check included \$10 for Webster Bank's returned check fee).

Major expenses for the month included: \$283 for a new egress type door and latch, \$395 for a RFID entry system, \$425 for property insurance, \$3000 to retain attorney Patrick Cook, and a \$10,000 payment to Frank Corp. toward oil spill cleanup expenses. All told, there was a negative cash flow in November of \$9,387. Mike explained that the attorney fee, approved by the BOD, was necessary to get an immediate opinion on how to handle a \$10,000 insurance check which was expiring before the December business meeting. (note: a motion had passed at the November meeting to seek legal counsel). **Mike Miller's, N1ITQ**, motion, to refer the treasurer's report to audit, passed.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Technical Committee (Tim Smith, N1TI)**: Security cameras are up and running. A weather station is in progress. Monitoring of the temperature at the club is now possible via the website.

**Buildings & Grounds (Mike Miller, N1ITQ)**: Winter season is upon us and anyone interested in helping with snow removal is encouraged to contact Mike.

**Scholarship (Larry Houbre, AA1FS [not present])**: no report

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## Special Committee Reports

**Activities (Scott Szala, W1EV [not present]):** Henry Blanchett, W1GYL, reported a sell-out of tickets for the upcoming clambake.

**Ares/Skywarn ( Rob Macedo, KD1CY):** A Skywarn F1 tornado certificate was earned representing the best showing to date. The regular ARES net continues on the Fairhaven repeater. Ham assistance during a Pacific north west storm with winds over 100 mph generated very good press for hams. A governor out there (unlike the past governor of Massachusetts) expressed praise and gratitude for Ham assistance.

**Building/Renovation (Dave Dean, K1JGV):** The new electrical panel is expected to be installed this month.

**QSL's (John Nery, WA1ESO[not present]):** no report

**Website (Tim Smith, N1TI):** Website is up to date with the exception of a couple of reports.

**Events (Bob Kelley, K1KVV):** Upcoming events are listed in Zerobeat.

**Communications:** No report.

**Ratification of New Members:** Scott Aguiar, KB1EJD, and Dan Chase, KB1PFU, were ratified as new members.

**President's Comments:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mike McDonald, KB1NB, moved to ratify retaining Patrick Cook as our club attorney. Motion passed.

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**Dave Goldstein, W1DJG**, moved that the purchase of 3 cases of soda and 100 plates be authorized for the upcoming clambake. Motion passed.

**For the Good of the Club:** **Joe Krisnosky, N1IXC**, reported that **Charlie Pellitier, KD1DA**, remains hospitalized and is now on dialysis in a semi-conscious state.

**Elections:** 34 ballots cast, 18 votes required for election

**Louie Mester, W1CH**, reelected president with 31 votes

**Bob Kelley, K1KVV**, reelected vice-president with 31 votes

**Tim Smith, N1TI**, elected secretary with 21 votes

**Mike McDonald, KB1NB**, reelected treasurer with 31 votes

**Dave Goldstein, W1DJG**, elected to BOD with 26 votes

**Gerry Bergeron, W1AFD**, elected to BOD with 25 votes  
(only 2 candidates received a majority on the first ballot)

no candidate for Board of Trustees received a majority on the first ballot

second ballot: 26 valid ballots cast for BOD, 14 required for election.

**Dave Dean, K1JGV**, elected to BOD with 20 votes

second ballot: 28 ballots cast for Board of Trustees, 15 required for election.

**Henry Blanchett, W1GYL**, elected to the Board of Trustees with 17 votes

**Tim Smith's, N1TI**, motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mike McDonald, KB1NB**, acting secretary

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