



Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association

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SEMARA August 7, 2008 Business Meeting

The August 7th, 2008 business meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Vice-president **Bob, K1KVV**. The salute to the flag was followed by a roll call. A quorum of 22 members was present.

Secretary's Report was accepted as published in the August 2008 ZeroBeat newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Mike, KB1NB reports that the club treasury balance is \$8,223 (combined checking and savings). Total income last month was \$61.53. Income is usually higher with the Netcom payment but unfortunately their last check was returned due to non-sufficient funds. Good news was that a new bank check was received to make up for last month and the upcoming month, bringing anticipated income of \$2,510 (last month) + \$10 (returned check fee) + \$2,510 current month for a total of \$5,030.

Two expenses were reported: \$3k for the attorney retainer and \$12,775 to New England Disposal Technology for the soil removal. An anticipated additional \$500 was expected to be spent to remove two contaminated barrels. On a positive note Mike also reported that a check was received from New England Disposal Technology for \$3,709 as an overage refund. This brought the net for the soil and barrel removal down to \$9,066. The original estimate from Frank Corp. was \$17k which proved that the Licensed Site Professional expenses were more than justified.

Additional income from donut donations of \$30. Current net worth is \$8,223 prior to Netcom's current and overdue payments.

Discussion: Charlie, WA1JDF inquired about tax relief due our recent catastrophic loss. This will be referred to our tax accountant.

A refer to audit motion passed.

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Standing Committee Reports

Building and Grounds: (Marty, WA1YFV): Marty reported that he had cleaned and swept the club recently. Marty mentioned that he was unable to contact our current lawn care contractor. **Dave, K1JVG** appealed to the membership seeking volunteers or to investigate alternate means. **Larry, W1DBX** offered his appreciation to **Dave, K1JVG** for his past service in taking care of the lawn. **Dave, W1DJG** offered a motion to formally terminate the current lawn care agreement between member **Mike, N1ITQ** and SEMARA. This motion passed unanimously. A motion was offered by **Dave, W1DJG** to have **Marty, WA1YFV** begin recruiting a new lawn care service which also passed unanimously.

Repeater/Technical Committee : **Dave, W1DJG** reported that Echo/IRLP and APRS services went down last Sunday due to possible storms over the weekend. **Tim, N1TI** visited the site on Monday to reset the 10/100 Ethernet switch in the repeater site. Dave also mentioned that he has been trying to locate the cyclic noise issue that has plagued the repeater on weak signals. Dave is going to try and round up test equipment to try and isolate it. Not directly related to the Technical Committee discussion, **Tim, N1TI** and **Mike, KB1NB** both reminded members to be sure appliances, radios, fans, etc are turned off (even if the last person to leave has not used these items). There have been recent incidents of these items being left on as well as windows being left open. **Tim, N1TI** reported that the former main club computer has been rebuilt with a fresh installation of Windows XP Service Pack 3 and accessory applications. All is needed is to load radio applications and interfacing to the club station.

Special Committee Reports

Activities: Bob, K1KVV mentioned that we should be conscience of post-activity responsibilities. There have been instances of dirty dishes being left unwashed, coffee left in the decanter and other cleanup tasks that are being left behind.



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Ares/Skywarn: Joe, N1IXC reported there several check-ins at the New Bedford EMA for the statewide Hurricane drill and the nets went smoothly.

Radio Events: Bob, K1KVV reported that on August 16th & 17th, the International Lighthouse/Lighthouse Weekend event will be underway. Refer to August Zerobeat for details.

Discussion regarding display of member and contact QSL cards in the club. Also discussed were designing and printing by a few member volunteers.

Website (Tim, N1TI): Routine updates.

Old Business: A letter of resignation from **Chris, K1CJS** was sent to the club secretary and to the membership by way of the SEMARA discussion reflector. Since this had been sent to the membership previously, **Tim, N1TI** asked for a motion to waive reading of entire resignation. This motion passed unanimously. **Dave, W1DJG** offered a motion to accept the resignation from **Chris, K1CJS** which passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Club: Matt, KB1OSV will be travelling to the Canadian Maritimes from August 22 to September 1 and will be operating portable/mobile. (A copy of his radio expedition schedule is part of this report). Contact him at kb1osv@comcast.net to schedule a contact. **Tim, N1TI** donated two oscillating floor fans to the club. **Ed, WA1ZCB** encouraged organizing special groups to operate the club station or to go out on radio special outings. He reminded us that we have a lot of great assets to use. **Tim, N1TI** offered an observation that SEMARA is turning a corner where we have more discussion and focus on radio activities. He also reminded the meeting that elections are coming soon and to give some thoughts as to running for office. **Matt, KB1OSV** inquired about wanting to learn how to operate the club station safely. A discussion on ideas of developing a tutorial by the technical committee. **Bob, K1KVV** referred to his recent editorial about us being more proactive in getting people (especially youth) involved in the hobby and the club. Refer to the August 2008 ZeroBeat.

Chuck, KB1FRL offered observation that he had heard some of the best comments at this meeting that he has in quite some time. **Henry, W1GYL**

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inquired as to the whereabouts of the PowerPole harness that was used for attaching club member radios to the club power supply. **Dave, W1DJG** said that this was borrowed for testing down at the repeater site and will be returned. **Tim, N1TI** recognized **Stan, KB1KSF**, who now lives out of state but was here at this meeting.

Joe, N1IXC served as the 50/50 raffle chairman and sold a total of \$65 worth. The winner of the \$32.50 prize was **Lou, W1CH**.

A final tally of attendance just prior to adjournment was 23 members.

A motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Smith, N1TI
Secretary

Date: 8/7/08

SEMARA BUSINESS MEETING ROSTER

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MEMBERS

	CALL	NAME
1	NITI	Tim Smith
2	WJFI	Joe Harrison
3	WIDJG	David J. Goldstein
4	WAZCB	Edmond F Du Clos
5	KIKVV	Bob Kelley
6	KB10SV	Matt Paine
7	WIMLD	Marcel Dumont
8	KB1FRL	Chuck Musygnicki
9	WALJED	Chloe & Dad
10	WIPDW	Bill Vincent
11	KB1KSF	St. Ignace
12	WIBUG	Arnold J. Caputo
13	NIXC	Joseph KRISNOSKY
14	WIDBX	LARRY LYBREN
15	NIWCO	Eric Peerce
16	KJSGV	Dave Dean
17	KAIYFL	Mark Jordan
18	KIXTB	Steve Silvestre
19	WALPLT	Don Mara
20	KIAHA	DICK J. HALLIWELL
21	WIGYL	HENRY R. BLANCHETT
22	KB1NB	Michael J. McDougall
23	WICH	Patricia Weston
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**MATT PAINE
KB1OSV
KB1OSV@COMCAST.NET**

CANADIAN RADIO EXPEDITION

To all amateur radio operators:

During my annual vacation to the Canadian Maritimes, specifically Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, I plan to setup and operate a portable radio station from three different locations. I will operate on 15 meters, 17 meters, 20 meters during the day between 1PM and 7PM Atlantic Standard Time and 40 meters after 7PM Atlantic Standard Time. The list of primary and secondary frequencies for each band and location of portable operation is as follows:

15 METERS (PHONE - DAY)

21.310 MHZ/USB – PRIMARY

21.400 MHZ/USB – SECONDARY

17 METERS (PHONE - DAY)

18.125 MHZ/USB – PRIMARY

18.155 MHZ/USB - SECONDARY

20 METERS (PHONE - DAY)

14.290 MHZ/USB – PRIMARY

14.330 MHZ/USB – SECONDARY

40 METERS (PHONE - NIGHT)

7.210 MHZ/LSB – PRIMARY

7.270 MHZ/LSB – SECONDARY

CAVENDISH - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – AUGUST 23RD AND AUGUST 24TH

SMITH'S COVE – NOVA SCOTIA – AUGUST 26TH THROUGH AUGUST 28TH

**BROOKLYN – NOVA SCOTIA (SMILEY'S PROVINCIAL PARK) – AUGUST 29TH THROUGH
AUGUST 31ST**

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Matt KB1OSV