



Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association

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SEMARA November 6, 2008 Business Meeting

The November 6th, 2008 business meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President (**Lou, W1CH**). The salute to the flag was followed by a moment of silence for recently passed SEMARA members Paul Lariviere – WA1CQM, Ed Harington – W1VF and Louie Whitlow, W1GDE. The roll call indicated 22 members present and one guest.

Secretary's Report from October was deferred.

Treasurer's Report: (Mike, KB1NB reports that the club treasury balance is \$14,011 (combined checking and savings). Two checks are outstanding from Netcom. Quarterly property tax paid out was \$1,130. Total spent \$1,334 for month. Motion to replenish the attorney retainer by \$2,500 passed unanimously.

A motion to refer to audit passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Building and Grounds: (Dave, K1JGV): Reports that handicap ramp has to wait until grading has been completed. After much discussion regarding materials, timing, ramp position, who is doing the work, etc. Sampling wells are to be marked and protected during landscaping efforts. KN1NB cautioned the membership regarding the current budget given other expense obligations. A motion to appropriate \$3,000 passed to cover cost of material and grading. (Sec. Note: This does not cover the cost of the ramp)

Technical Committee: (Dave, W1DJG) report that application for 900 MHz frequency pair has been applied for. Dave purchased and donated a 900 MHz commercial antenna which is now stored in the container. Repeater time is off due to Daylight Savings Time and will be corrected soon. Dave reported that surplus transceivers are on the market from \$50 to \$200 and will provide details as the project progresses.

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Special Committee Reports

Skywarn: (Chris, W1EAV) reports that Rob, KD1CY was in Framingham giving a Skywarn session and could not make it. A Skywarn training class will be held in Mansfield on November 13. There is an emergency communications workshop on November 22 at a location to be announced in the North Shore area. Skywarn Recognition Day is December 6. For more information contact Rob, KD1CY via email at kd1cy@comcast.net. A Reminder that ARRL EMA SM ballots should be returned as soon as possible.

Events: (Bob, K1KVV) recommended to visit <http://arrl.org/contests> to get the latest on the many contests and operating events in the next couple of months.

Website (Tim, N1TI): Web site was down for a couple of days recently due to an accounting error. Billing information has been updated and web site back in business. Bob, N1BLF is contributing regularly to the HandiHam audio readings that are available on the web site. Plans are to move the camera server from N1TI's house back to the club. The Comcast connection is now fast enough to handle the camera traffic as well as the Echo/IRLP streams. Plans to add to and reposition the surveillance cameras. The existing external camera may be removed from service should the new cameras work out better (pending membership approval). The plan is to add one internal camera and up to two external cameras to increase property coverage.

Communications (Bob, K1KVV): Received a membership application from Ron Ellis, N1GFS. Ratification passed unanimously. Ron is an active Scout leader in Mattapoisett and is interested in young ham activities such as JOTA. The membership provided a warm reception to Ron.

Old Business: (Mike, KB1NB) called for old security access cards. Mike also has been in contact with Netcom regarding tower base security and the fence replacement. The large container has been moved further back on the property.

New Business: (Bob, K1KVV) proposed raising money to offset the recently allocated \$3,000 for the grading project by accessing each member \$10.00. Collection to begin at the January 2009 business meeting. Initial notification via

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email. Members without email access will be notified via a postcard. Anyone unreachable at their FCC address will be declared in arrears. Motion passed unanimously.

Good of the Club: (Matt, KB1OSV) voiced concern of a conflict between operating for Skywarn Day and Volunteer Exams. Matt will be at the club operating the club station as well as his own gear and invites other members to join him. **(Dave, W1DJG)** is hosting a tour of the WBZ transmitter site on November 15th in Hull with lunch to follow at the Red Parrot. **(Tim, N1TI)** reminded that the Farafest is this Saturday at Cape Voc Tech and referred to the web site. He also reminded that when analog TV goes dark in February, amateurs at select stations will have access to the channel 2 antennas for a special event (and perhaps permanent operation). Stay tuned to the web site for details. **(Dick, K1AHA)** reports a new six meter FM repeater going online soon on the Cape by N1YHS.

Nomination: (Tim, N1TI) opened the floor for nominations for the slate of 2009 BOD, Officers and Trustee. Nominations received on the floor were: President: W1CH; Vice President: K1KVV, W1DJG; Treasurer: KB1NB; Secretary: W1MLD; BOD: W1DJG, K1AHA, K1USW, K1JGV, N1IXC, N1TI; Trustee: KB1OSV (Secretary's Note: It was later discovered that Matt was not eligible for Trustee position due to lack of required tenure. His name was subsequently removed from the ballot).

A motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 7:55 p.m.

Dave, W1DJG served as the 50/50 raffle chairman...details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Smith, N1TI
Secretary

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Sign in Sheet

- 1 WICH Louie Mester
 - 2 K1USW Sonny Eddleston
 - 3 ~~W1EAV~~ Chris Washburn
 - 4 KBINB Mike McDonald
 - 5 W1DJG Dave Goldstein
 - 6 KATGV Dave Dean
 - 7 WALLSH John WALSH
 - 8 N1WCO Eric Pearce
 - 9 K3LFR1 Chuck Meszowski
 - 10 W1BOG Arad J. Augustus
 - 11 W1BZJ MICHAEL PONTE
 - 12 K1AHA RICHARD J. HALLIWELL
 - 13 N1TXC Joseph KRISNOSKY
 - 14 W1PLT DON MARRA
 - 15 W1DBX Larry Lyaker
 - 16 W1JFI JOE HAMPSON
 - 17 K1BLOS V Matt Paine
 - 18 W1MLD MARCEL DUMONT
 - 19 N1GFS RON ELLIS
 - 20 K1YFU Marty Janda
 - 21 K1KV Bob Kelley
 - 22 N1TI Tim Smith
- William Field WAIFYF

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