



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2009

Club President, Louis (W1CH) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the salute to the Flag.

Roll was called with 23 members and 1 guest present.

A moment of silence was held for SK WA1TNB Leo J. Jodoin who past away this past week.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the ZERO BEAT.

The treasurer Mike (KB1NB) declared that he had given the incorrect treasury total and that it should have been \$10,822.79 instead of \$12,725.

A motion was then made to accept with correction. This motion was vote unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike (KB1NB) reported that the balance total was \$12,370.10.

All expences totalled \$2,793.47.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the report to audit.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE'S

Building's and Ground's

Dave (K1JGV) reported that the outside project should begin in a month or so. The handicap ramp should be considered as part of the project. Dave also asked for help on some parts of the project.

Technical committee

Dave (W1DJG) Reported that he has located a 900 MHZ repeater and will acquire it soon. It will be in the \$600.00 range and includes a new antenna. He will pay for it and will then solicit the donations from members as agreed upon several months ago at a monthly meeting.

The 2 meter repeater is running fine.

A CW filter was added to the Kenwood 900 radio and is working well.

Tim (N1TI) reported that the original camera's will be back online shortly as soon as the server is completed.

The committee has no other information on the tuner that was brought up last month.

The Auto Patch will be worked on and placed in service soon.

ARES/SKYWATCH

Rob (KD1CY) Reported that he is trying to get more people to participate in both ARES and Skywatch. Anyone interested should contact Rob.

Rob (KD1CY) has appointed Ed Caron (KA1RSY) to ARES EC. Ed was then introduced to the members as he was present for the meeting.

The last week of June 28th and 29th there will be a weekend long Field Day. It will begin at the Acushnet EMA on Saturday and possibly end up at SEMARA on Sunday. Rob asked for members to participate in parts of the weekend activities.

The weekly ARES Net will begin the week of April 6.

There will be several Skywarn classes coming up in the near future. Check dates in the Skywarn emails.

RADIO EVENTS

Bob (K1KVV) reported that a list of events is available in the ZERO BEAT and also check QST and CQ and World Radio magazines.

WEBSITE

Tim (N1TI) reported that the website is coming along well and he is still working on the background. He suggested that if anyone wants to put information on the site to notify him and it will be put on immediately. There have been many hits to the site and many are from the Cape and Plymouth County.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no letters or communications received this month. Received a number of checks received for the assessment fee's.

The Club received one application for membership from Ed Caron (KA1RSY) Also received was a \$20.00 for initiation fee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the application and Ed Caron as a member. The motion was voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob (K1KVV) discussed the assessment fee and the fact that all members are not correctly addressed. The data base is outdated and should be updated. With that being said he suggested that we should have a Gentleman's Agreement to hold off on the members in arrears. This was agreed upon by the members present.

NEW BUSINESS

John Neary purchased the CW Filter at a cost of \$95.00. A motion was made and seconded to pay that amount to John. Members voted unanimously.

Soda was purchased for the Club by Chris (W1EAV) for \$20.00. Motion made and seconded and voted unanimously to pay Chris.

Tim (N1TI) spoke about the zoom camera he had purchased for \$150.00. Does the Club want to buy it? There was a motion and seconded to purchase and it was voted unanimously.

GOOD OF THE CLUB

Tim (N1TI) spoke about installing a scanner for the members to listen to on computer. It would have a thirty day archive for reference. There was discussion and the members were in favor.

Tim also asked members for help in updating the membership database. Armand (W1BUG) and Bob (K1KVV) volunteered.

Dave (W1DJG) announced that member Ben Jackson (N1WBV) become a father this past week. Congratulations to the Jackson family.

Mike (KB1NB) commented on the free equipment that is left on the tables for the taking should be removed after a two week period of time. The clubhouse is getting clogged.

Tim (N1TI) suggested that this would probably be a good year to resume the

Flea Market or hamfest. Maybe the weekend after Labor Day. Tim would volunteer to be the chairman.

Tim also made inquiries about the hotdog steamer. He found no one interested in purchasing it for commercial use. Suggestions were to keep it and continue to investigate it's future.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Voted unanimously at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcel Dumont (W1MLD)

A 50/50 raffle was held with a total of \$66.00. Rob (KD1CY) won and donated it back to the Club.

Thank you Rob