



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## **Meeting Minutes August 6, 2009**

Due to the fact that the President and Vice-President were not in attendance, the Secretary, Marcel (W1MLD) began the meeting at 7:01PM with the salute to the flag. Roll was called with 17 members present.

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as published in "ZERO BEAT". This motion was voted unanimously by the members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that the overall total was \$12,016.84 as of 7/31/2009. The total outflow for July was 2,133.50. A motion was made and seconded to turn the report over to Audit. This motion was voted unanimously. The treasurer also reported that a retainer fee is due for the Attorney and that is \$3,000.00, After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to allow for the retainer. This was voted unanimously by the members.

At this time the Vice- President Bob (K1KVV) took over the meeting.

### **Standing Committee's**

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

Dave (K1JGV) reported that he met with contractors with regard to the handicap ramp and has obtained several prices. The cost of a ramp that is 34" wide and has no platform and is not ADA approved would be \$4,000.00. The second ramp would be with a platform and approved by ADA. The cost for this steel ramp would be \$6,500.00. This does not include replacing the door and a canopy over the platform. Considerable discussion on different types of ramps such as wooden, concrete, motorized lift were discussed. It was decided that more prices would be obtained and brought back to next months meeting for discussion.

## **Scholarship Committee**

Bob (K1KVV) reported that he had met with Larry (AA1FS) and that he decided to resign from the position of Scholarship Committee Chairman. We now need a new Chairperson and also members for the Committee.

At this time the President Louis (W1CH) arrived and took over the meeting.

## **Technical Committee**

Tim (N1TI) and Dave (W1DJG) were not present but did send an email to be read to the members as their report.

Dave (W1DJG) reports that everything is going well technically. The repeater is fine other than the noise around the input frequency. He suggests putting together a FOX HUNT to go around tower to see where the interference is coming from. Dave has also donated electronic goodies for the flea market next month. Dave also suggested that someone set up a session for the 900 rigs to be programmed. Dave and Ben will be setting up the G5RV as soon as possible but all they need is time but it will be done soon.

Tim (N1TI) reports on the web cam server. Since there is a wide diversity of camera types, with all different interfaces, we need to use an application like Webcam XP. Tim said that we do not have the proper equipment now to make it work with the several camera's needed for proper security. Tim said he would try to cannibalize some surplus machines and add memory to see what he could do but suggests that we may have to get a new machine and proper license to operate the camera's properly. The alternative would be to open individual ports to all cameras, but there would be no way to throttle the bandwidth. This would kill Echolink and IRLP.

## **Radio Events**

Bob K1KVV mentioned that there are several radio events going on in the next few months. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> the Acushnet EOC is sponsoring an emergency communication workshop. A road race event, check with N1XRS. The Buzzards Bay Triathlon on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Bill Madden would like to donate some equipment to the Club. A motion was made and seconded to accept the donation and it was voted unanimously.

Invitation from the Newport Radio Club to visit a radio museum on October 12, 2009 and the cost would be \$10.00 per person.

The Buzzards Bay Triathlon request permission to use our repeater on September 20, 2009 for their event. Requested by Tony Duarte. A motion was made and seconded to allow this request. This was voted unanimously.

### **Ratification of New Members**

One application was received from Marc Dumont (KB1ODE) a General Class amateur. A motion was made and seconded to accept Marc Dumont as a member, this was voted unanimously.

There was no further business and a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM was made and seconded, voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcel (W1MLD)

### **50/50 raffle**

Total was 26.00 with \$13.00 going to Bill Vincent (W1POW)