



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Meeting Minutes January 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by our President Louis (W1CH) at 7:11 PM with the salute to the Flag. Roll was called with 18 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Joe (N1IXC) to suspend the reading and accept as posted on the Bulletin board and in the "ZERO BEAT". The motion was seconded and voted unanimously by the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer Mike (W1NB) reported that the treasury now has a total of \$11,237.09. The several major bills for the month were State and Federal taxes the oil spill and the total does not include the last tower check which was recently received. The Attorney still has \$767.00 in his account. The decision has not come down from the Judge so we are still waiting for the results.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the report to audit. The members voted unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Scholarship Committee

Will bring proposal up under Old Business.

Technical Committee

Rick (W1RJC) reported that we need a Chairman for the Tech Committee.

Skywarn Committee

Rob (KD1CY) reported that an Emergency Communications Workshop will be held on Saturday

January 23, 2010 in Middleboro.

The results of testing the repeater during the RACES test is that it worked well and the decision will be made by the RACES people and the State.

Buildings and Grounds

The President read a letter from Dave (K1JGV). The letter read in part that there would not be any further reports during the winter and will resume in the spring. We should keep in mind the need to paint the trim in the spring. Marty (KA1YFV) will continue to take care of the interior and Dave will resume operations on the outside

At this time the President held a Moment of Silence for Ed Rovas (WA1VXY-SK)

Radio Committee

Bob (K1KVV) reported that if your new to contesting look into the North American QSO party which is in two part the first week is for CW and the next is for phone.

Repeater and Website

Rick (W1RJC) reported that he and Ben are working on the Website to make it more user friendly and that members will be able to access and contribute.

The repeater needs to have the squelch board replaced because it's been defective for about a year now. The cost is about \$50.00 and should come under normal monthly maintenance costs. The 900 repeater will be worked on and add the IRLP board which has already been purchased. We need to purchase a repeater controller for this repeater to add the IRLP board. We can sell the old repeater and controller to obtain money for the new controller.

OLD BUSINESS

Sonny (K1USW) reported that some of the proposal changes made to the requirements are that you don't need an amateur license to apply but you would have preference if you did. A one hundred dollar amount was low and should be five hundred dollars. The applicant will have to write a 600 word essay and would have to come to a meeting and read it to obtain the check. The proposals were accepted after considerable discussion. A motion was made and seconded to accept. The members voted unanimously to accept.

NEW BUSINESS

The President read the minutes of the BOD's meeting. A motion was made to act on the portion that dealt with members in arrears. If the member has not paid the assesment in proper time the member

would lose privileges. Those would be no access to the clubhouse, no free refreshments, cannot be on a Committee, and no voting privilege. These would be for members not in good standing. The motion was seconded after considerable discussion. The members voted unanimously.

A motion was made to review the membership classifications as to in good standing, in arrears etc.

The Constitution and By-Laws should be reviewed. Anyone interested please advise the President.

Good of the club

Rob (KD1CY) suggested that we send a letter to the RACES people showing our willingness for them to use our repeater. Rob will write and turn over to Bob (K1KVV) For signature and will carry to RACES people.

A motion was made to continue allotments for Committee's and refreshments, the motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn, the motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcel (W1MLD)