



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2010

In the absence of the President and Vice-President the meeting was called to order by the secretary Marcel (W1MLD) at 7:07 P.M. with the salute to the flag. The roll was called with 23 members and 3 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made to accept the report as posted on the bulletin board and as published in the "ZERO BEAT". The motion was seconded and voted unanimously by the members.

TRASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer Mike (KB1NB) reported that we have \$12,574.79 in the treasury under all accounts. A motion was made and seconded to refer the report to audit. Voted unanimously.

It was also reported that the decision by the Judge on the oil spill case was not rendered and will possible go to a court trial.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Building's and Ground's

Dave (K1JGV) reported that he has started to plan the rest room changes for handicap access.

The men's room can possibly stay the same and the women's room can be enlarged and made handicap accessible. More information will be available for next meeting. A plumber will be coming in to obtain pricing and suggestions.

Scholarship Committee

Sonny (K1USW) reported that the applications and letters have gone out to the schools and we

have not heard anything as of this date. There will be more forthcoming at next months meeting.

Technical Committee

Dave (W1DJG) reported that the Log Periodic and 2 meter/440 antenna on the 85 foot tower are out of service and need to be repaired and cable replaced. This needs a crane and someone able to climb the tower. Will be tackled when the weather breaks.

With reference to the 900 Mhz repeater, the controller has been ordered and will be installed by the end of the month. The cost is \$498.50, an increase of \$48.50 over the appropriated amount. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate an additional \$48.50 to purchase the controller. The motion was approved with one opposition.

We were having a problem with the use of the computer at the club. Someone was accessing inappropriate sites. This will not be allowed or tolerated in this Association. Computers are now on lockdown and a password system will be instituted. Anyone wanting to use the computer will need a password.

Skywarn

Ed (KA1RSY) in reporting for Rob (KD1CY). The RACES meeting was held and the issue of changing the repeater site to Dartmouth was discussed. If a few towns near the Norfolk County line agree to change to the Sharon repeater then the change would likely occur. This will be discussed at the RACES March 27th meeting.

ARES information is available on the ARES website at <http://ares.ema.arrl.org> and Skywarn info can be seen at <http://www.wx1box.org>.

Website

Ben (N1WBV) reported that the website is being worked on and should be up in a few days.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

There were two applications for membership. Robert J. Levesque from Swansea and John Muldoon from Swansea. A motion was made and seconded to accept the both applications the members voted unanimously. The new members were introduced and congratulated.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris (W1EAV) Reported that the 900 MHz radio he had for the club did not work well so he is now

looking again for a reliable radio.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlie (WA1JFD) will be giving a tech talk on Thursday March 18th at 7 PM. The talk will be on Linux the operating system. All are invited to come. It should be interesting.

JoeK (N1IXC) sought the permission from the members for his wife to make new curtains for the windows in the club. There will be no cost associated with this project. All were in favor and approved.

GOOD OF THE CLUB

Ben (N1WBV) wanted to thank Dave (W1DJG) for arranging the WBZ and WGBH tour. It was very interesting and informative. All that went agreed. Thanks Dave and Dan Brown (W1DAN).

Dave (K1JGV) suggested that in the spring and warmer weather we should organize a paint party so that we can get the trim on the clubhouse scraped and painted.

Marcel (W1MLD) mentioned about the fire extinguishers being hidden behind stuff. They should be hung on the wall with signs indicating where they are. The extinguishers should also be tested after so many years. Marcel will take care of this project. The members approved.

Bob (K1KVV) suggested that we have a tech talk about the use of fire extinguishers in the near future. Marcel agreed to give the talk.

Bob (K1KVV) suggested that we think about Field Day and actually do something.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcel Dumont (W1MLD)

50/50 Raffle

\$32.00 total \$16.00/\$16.00 Winner John (WA1LSH)