



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2010

The President, Louis (W1CH) called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with the salute to the Flag. The roll was called with 26 members present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading and accept the report as posted on the bulletin board and in the ZERO BEAT. The members voted unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no report due to the treasurer's absence.

### STANDING COMMITTEE'S

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

Dave (K1JGV) reported that the cost to redo the woman's room to a handicap restroom would be \$950.00 for the plumbing. Enlarging the room would be additional. There is a problem in that the Dartmouth Building Department is requiring architect plans and stamp. Hopefully we can work out the problem and expense.

Dave also explained that we need to set up a crew for scraping and painting the trim on the building. We would like to do this when the weather breaks in the near future.

#### **Scholarship Committee**

Sonny (K1USW) reported that the committee has picked a winner for the scholarship. She is a Senior at New Bedford High School. Sonny read the letter that he sent to the winner and we should expect her to come to the May meeting to read her essay for wanting the scholarship. She will also accept the \$500.00 reward at that time.

## **Technical Committee**

Dave (W1DJG) reported that this winter has been a tough time for our equipment. The antenna's on the 85' foot tower need to be taken down and rebuilt. Also, the two meter antenna appears to have a water issue and is causing crunchy noise. The antenna has been tested and confirmed the problem. This antenna must be repaired before June 1<sup>st</sup> so that it may be used for the RACES test.

Rick (W1RJC) reported that the 900 MHz repeater controller will be installed and the IRLP will also be installed soon. The components have been received.

## **Website**

Rick (W1RJC) reported has been partially installed and should be up and running in the next few weeks. It will be easy to log in and we should be able to add content to the site.

## **SKYWARN, ARES, RACES**

Ed (KA1RSY) reported that RACES 2a will be using the 2 meter repeater for the State emergency communications. This is a great honor for the club. It will replace the Taunton repeater.

## **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) reported that there are several contests going on for the month of April. Some of these are listed in ZERO BEAT. ARRL also has a listing. QSO party on 2 meters on May 30<sup>th</sup> simplex only 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM

## **Old Business**

Bob (K1KVV) wanted to acknowledge the fact that the new curtains have been installed by CC Krisnosky wife of Joe K and wanted to thank her for the nice gift.

## **New Business**

Marcel (W1MLD) read a letter that we received from the Dartmouth Police Department requesting the placement of a receiving antenna at the top of the tower in our space. There was considerable discussion and a motion was made and seconded to allow the antenna with several stipulations. Those will be approved by the BOD prior to sending the approval letter. The vote of the members was 23 for, 3 opposed. Motion passed.

Rick (W1RJC) brought up a request from Fairhaven EMA for a pole to be donated to them for mounting antenna's. We do have several spare utility poles and a motion was made and seconded to donate one pole to the Fairhaven EMA.. The members voted unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Members voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted Marcel L Dumont (W1MLD)