



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2010

The President, Louis (W1CH) called the meeting to order at 7:02PM with the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was offered for a Norman Benoit (WA1KDT) SK.

The President welcomed our guests Melissa Wesember (KB1UDU) a newly licensed Ham. Her father Tom Tavares was also introduced and said he plans to take the exam next month to become a Ham. The roll was called with 24 members and 2 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as printed in the ZERO BEAT and as posted on the bulletin board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer Mike (KB1NB) reported that the April total was \$12,560.00 and we now have a total \$21,615.00 in all accounts.

A settlement was made and the check is in the mail. The amount cannot be disclosed as part of the settlement but will cover our expenses for mitigation and legal fee's and we will have some leftover. A motion was made and seconded to turn the report over to audit. The members voted unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Building and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) reported that he has obtained a building permit for the handicap restroom. He also wanted to thank Sonny (K1USW) and Dick (K1AHA) for cutting the lawn in the absense of Marty.

Dave has paid and will present the bills to the treasurer for \$86.00 for the mower repairs and \$25.00 for the application and \$75.00 for the building permit. The total job should be about \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00. Other projects in the works are scraping and painting the trim on the outside of the building. We will be doing this on May 15 and 16th and we can paint on the following weekend. Dave also reported that he has to purchase a new wide door for the restroom which will cost about \$100.00.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Sonny (K1USW) reported that he is going to present the very first scholarship to Melissa Wesember a New Bedford High student and member of the Science Club, Swim Team, Key Club, Tennis Team, Vice President of the Medical Career's Club and President of the Spanish Club. Melissa has been on the Honor Roll twice, she does community service projects and will be attending Norwich University majoring in Engineering in the fall. Melissa is also interested in a military career. Melissa was introduced and read her very informative essay. The essay was based on Amateur Radio. After the reading Melissa was presented with a \$500.00 check. Good luck to her in her endeavors.

Technical Committee

Dave (W1DJG) reported that the G5RV antenna was installed and is now working and temporarily replaced the log periodic while being repaired. A tower climber is coming to evaluate the problem. The 2m antenna problem seems to have cleared up. Al Costello checked the connections and did not see a problem although he was unable to check the antenna weep hole to see if it was blocked. He will do that soon when he has to climb the tower again.

Rick (W1RJC) was unable to attend but did send an email with the following report.

The old repeater was sold along with the controller on ebay and we received a total of \$382.50.

The 900 repeater has not had much progress. Rick is waiting for Jeff (N1ZZN) to program the repeater to work with the new controller.

The 2m repeater is back to 100 watt and has been working properly.

The Website launched last week and Rick is adding content to the site. Members are encouraged to create a new account.

Dave also mentioned that when they climb the 85 ft. tower he wants to install a 160 meter GR5 antenna.

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Rob (KD1CY) reported that there has been a lot of serious weather this last few months and wanted to thank all that were participants and assisted. FEMA has been very helpful in assisting people that were flooded out during the storms. The statewide hurricane drill has been moved to August, the first Monday.

ARES will now be using the W1AEC repeater to test and operate on starting in June.

Boxboro hamfest is coming in August.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that there are many events scheduled for May and June and a listing is available. Many contests are listed in ZERO BEAT as well as other events.

Communications

BOB sent a sympathy card to Norman Benoit's only living relative.

There were two membership applications received, KB1UAM Anthony Lessa Jr. and KB1UDU Melissa Wesember. A motion was made and seconded to accept both applications. The members voted unanimously. Congratulations to both new members.

New Business

Dave (W1DJG) requested permission to purchase a G5RV antenna for 160 meters. The request is for not to exceed \$150.00, the vote was unanimous.

Good of the Club

Dave (K1JGV) mentioned that donations are accepted for the present projects.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Dave for expenses of the building permit and repair of the lawnmower which totals \$186.01. Voted unanimously.

Dave (W1DJG) is going to Pave Paws next weekend and will ask questions about ham radio frequencies.

Brad (W1BEP) has the 900 Mhz radio vendor number if anyone needs it see Brad.

Mike (KB1NB) has a list of available equipment that John W1HIQ, SK had. See Mike for list and offers.

Ben (N1WBV) were going to have a field day this year more to come later.

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that the club needs a QSL Manager to handle all the electronic QSL's received.

Motion made to adjourn seconded and voted unanimously at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Marcel (W1MLD)