



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Meeting Minutes July 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Vice-President Bob Kelley (K1KVV) with the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was held for Patrick Walsh, the son of John Walsh that passed away recently. The roll was called with 22 members present and 1 guest.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as published in ZERO BEAT and posted on the board. Voted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that the treasury has a total of \$33,840.43 including all accounts. A motion was made and seconded to defer to audit. This motion was voted unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S

Buildings and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) reported that the construction work on the Handicap restroom is coming along well. The new fixtures have been installed and inspected. The door needs to be hung and the painting and wall finishing needs to be completed. Handicap rails also have to be purchased and installed.

Scholarship

Sonny (K1USW) spoke about the classes for radio amateur licensing. Tony (NN1D) and Ben (N1WBV) will probably be giving the classes and discussion on timing was the major issue.

Technical Committee

Rick (W1RJC) reconfigured the wiring for IRLP and both repeaters are now IRLP capable. The two Cat-5 cables have been run from the clubhouse to the repeater site by Tony (NN1D) and Marcel (W1MLD). The Dartmouth Police receiver and the antenna will be installed by NETCOM in the next few weeks.

The 900 Mhz radio has been mounted in the clubhouse.

Computer access can be implemented by obtaining a password thru the technical committee. There was some discussion about the computer and Rick answered the questions.

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

The hurricane drill will be held August 2, 2010 between 7 and 9 P.M.

The ARES and RACES drill will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 and 8:30 respectively. Joe K (N1IXC) reported that the drill last month on our repeater went well and all were pleased.

QSL

It was decided that John (WA1ESO) was the QSL Manager and is questioning where the software is for the electronic QSL's. The programs were deleted from the computers when they were replaced. No one seems to know where the software is. This will be investigated.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) reported that there was some participation in Field Day.

There are a number of contests going on this month, lots of CW. Much is listed in ZERO BEAT.

Repeater

Rick (W1RJC) reported that the 900 repeater is now functioning and is tied into the NE repeater network on 900 Mhz. There was a change made to the PL on this repeater. It is now 67.0 and the other Dartmouth repeater is the same. Jeff (N1ZZN) and Steve "Ho" (KC1HO) along with Rick (W1RJC) will have a programming party to program anyone's radio that has to be configured or reconfigured. This will take place on Sunday morning at 11:00 AM on July 11th.

The 900 repeater is IRLP 8884 and the NE reflector node is 9125 PL tone 67.0. Hear clear is disabled.

It was recommended to send Jeff and Ho a letter thanking them for configuring this repeater.

The repeater committee suggest that we add a remote base radio in order to link to the MMRA so that we can hold the ARES net on 147.000. also it would allow the linking to 220 and 440 repeaters. This will be talked about later.

Website

Rick (W1RJC) reported that the website has been worked on and the theme was changed to make it more user friendly.

It was suggested that the club look into the possibility of getting a PAYPAL account so that new applicants could apply and pay over the internet. This suggestion will be brought up later.

Application for membership

There is one application for membership and is for Paul Sadeck KA1IB, OF 90 Dr. Braley Rd. East Freetown. Paul is an Advanced class amateur. A motion was made and seconded to accept the application. It was voted unanimously to make Paul Sadeck a life member.

Old Business

Chris stated that he would like to be reimbursed \$25.00 for the 900 Radio that was approved several months ago. The motion was made and tabled until next month so that a receipt may be turned in to the treasurer.

New Business

Rick (W1RJC) has checked and it is still legal to use the 440 Mhz. Rick has a Motorola GM300 that he will donate and we could use to link MMRA. After some discussion a motion was made to accept this radio and if it does not work out the club would give Rick the first option to purchase it for \$1.00. Voted unanimously.

Ben (N1WBV) made a motion to get rid of the computers after the Tech Committee sanitizes and audits all computer equipment in the clubhouse and storage trailer. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Rick (W1RJC) made a motion and was seconded to set up a PAYPAL account and checked by the treasurer. A discussion was held and after discussing various issues it was decided to vote against the motion and it failed. One in favor the balance against.

Good of the Club

Eric suggested that we need a Flea Market chairman.

Ben notified the members that we received a certificate for first place in Eastern Massachusetts Section Multi Operator class for last year. Ben also thanked those who participated in this years Field Day.

Rick will purchase distilled water for the batteries which are low.

Brad wanted to thank the tech committee for the work they have done with setting up and configuring the 900 repeater.

Joe (N1IXC) asked if the radio's have been removed from the trailer? The answer was that it will be done next weekend.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:25 PM, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcel Dumont (W1MLD)

50/50 winner Bill Vincent (W1POW)
\$16.00/\$16.00