



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## **Meeting Minutes**

**October 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Marcel Dumont (W1MLD) at 7:05 PM with the salute to the flag. The roll was called with 18 members and 2 guests present.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that because the computer was down he was not able to complete his report but gave us the last months total of \$34,273. A motion was made and seconded to refer the report to audit. The members voted unanimously.

At this time the Vice-President Bob (K1KVV) arrived and took over as Chair of the meeting.

### **Standing Committee's**

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

Dave (K1DJG) reported that the Handicap Rest room is 99.99% complete.

The front door does not need to be replaced at this time. A plate will be placed at the bottom outside and can remain that way for a few years. There is no cost involved.

#### **Scholarship Committee**

The chairman was not present so Joe K (N1IXC) reported that applications are going out.

#### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) reported that the Boy Scouts are having Jamboree on the Air 2010 on October 16, in Kingston, Ma call sign is KC1TAC. More in QST.

## **Ratification of Members**

There are two application received, one from Fredrick S. Bacon II (WA1MRH) and one from Antone "Tony" Souza (NN1D). A motion was made and seconded to accept the applicants as members, the members voted unanimously.

### **Technical Committee**

Dave (W1DJG) reported that the antenna is down as well as the rotor. The mount for the antenna broke and allowed the antenna to rotate freely. We need to machine a new one.

Several weeks ago we were hit by lightning and damaged much equipment. The tv was damaged and the 900 repeater and several computers were also damaged. Ben (N1WBV) was able to acquire four computers from someone at GEMOTO at no cost. One is now replacing the Vostro main computer. The FOB entry system is destroyed and will need to be replaced. The lines may have to be replaced. The protection devices were destroyed and need to be replaced. There was considerable discussion and Dave mentioned that he will be committed to his main job for several months so he will not be around much.

### **Website**

Ben (N1WBV) reported that the website if functioning properly.

### **Activities**

No one has been able to contact Scott and we should try to do something on our own.

### **ARES, SKYWARN, RACES**

Drill went well with more stations responding according to Joe K (N1IXC). Our repeater is operating well.

### **Tech Talk**

Eric ((N1WCO) announced that he will be giving a tech talk on October 21, 2010 at 7PM.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Joe K (N1IXC) reported that the Friends of the Forest had a demonstration at the Freetown forest. Wayne (WA1CCM) made and donated a sign for the club. Many thanks to Wayne.

John (WA1LSH) thanked everyone for remembering his family after the passing of his son.

Thanks to Dick (K1AHA) for making and installing the W1AEC sign on the shed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ben (N1WBV) made a motion to appropriate \$500. To replace some of the lightning destroyed equipment. The motion was seconded and the members voted to approve unanimously.

Mike (KB1NB) proposed that we purchase a temporary lock for the door for \$150.00 until the FOB system is

replaced. There was considerable discussion. The motion was seconded and the members voted 19 for and 2 opposed. The motion passed.

The camera will be addressed at a later date.

It was suggested that we check on our insurance to see whether we are covered for any of this lightning damage and equipment lost.

Ben suggested that we don't bring in stuff that stays here for over a month.

Dave reported that we have a problem with the storage trailer that is completely full. We should get a dumpster to get rid of this stuff. Motion to table until next month. Members voted to table.

Dave (K1JGV) reported that we received a letter from the Building Department. This is in reference to the restroom. Dave and Marcel will meet with the building inspector after getting an appointment.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 8:25 PM members voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcel Dumont, Secretary W1MLD