



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes January 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the president, Marcel (W1MLD) with the salute to the flag. The roll was called with twenty four members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that we paid a total of \$1,800.00 last month (taxes) and have total assets of \$37,268.00 as of this date. There was a motion made and seconded to refer the report to audit. The members voted unanimously in favor.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) reported that he received two rough estimates for the roof and door repairs, both in the area of \$5,000.00 for the roof and \$500.00 for the door. Both estimates are not final estimates. He also noted that we should get a group of volunteers needed to give the building a good cleaning some Saturday this winter.

Marcel (W1MLD) stated that he had spoken with different people and that the handicap ramp must follow code, which would include blacktop at the base of the ramp and in the parking area as well. The rough estimated cost, including a wooden ramp, would be over \$7,000.00.

Dave (K1JGV) reported that the circuit breakers in the electrical panel running the east side heat were out but toggling the breaker would power it up. The breakers get warm and should be replaced. He will bring his electrician in to check them.

Technical

Chris (W1EAV) stated that he spoke with Rick (W1RJC) and that news of recent updates was posted on the SEMARA website. He also stated that the 220 (repeater) duplexer shipped and should be in shortly and, also, IRLP should be repaired during this weekend.

Scholarship

Sonny (K1USW) stated that the letters were out and everything was on schedule.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Ed (KA1RSY) wanted to thank anyone who helped during the recent snowstorm and mentioned the repeater is working well. He also mentioned that the local hospitals have acquired and are soon going online with amateur radio equipment. There was some discussion on training and the traffic this would generate. Marcel (W1MLD) mentioned that future combined training between SEMARA, the hospitals and Dartmouth communication needs may be beneficial.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that there were several events listed in Zero Beat this month.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

No new membership applications were received but it was mentioned that applications were not available to download from the website. There was some discussion about appointing a member to be a contact for recruiting and fielding questions from potential members.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe (N1IXC) reported he received estimates from two companies to install alarms in the building, both in the area of \$500.00 including alarm and light but not including monitoring or ID entry recording. Discussion ensued regarding exterior lighting, cameras and other specifics of the alarm system.

Marcel (W1MLD) reported that he received a letter back from the lawyer regarding the handicap restroom. The letter was read and discussion ensued. Two motions resulted from the discussion, as follows. A motion was made to apply for a variance on the size of the handicap restroom, expending funds for the application as required. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. A second motion was made to have the attorney pursue and secure the letter of complaint that was sent to Boston. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A question was brought up during discussion regarding the process of expulsion of members from the association. Mike (KB1NB) read from the SEMARA constitution the details of the expulsion process. It was also mentioned during discussion that adding a no trespass order under those circumstances may be a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Armand (W1BUG) mentioned that the club should purchase a laptop computer for the treasurer. Marcel (W1MLD) added that the copier/printer could also be replaced as it was showing signs of wear. Discussion followed which led to a motion being made and seconded allocating up to \$1000.00 for Mike (KB1NB) to purchase a laptop computer and all-in-one copy, fax, scan printer for the club. A vote was taken and passed with 23 in favor and 1 opposed.

Mike (KB1NB) made a motion that the club allocates certain monies as follows: All amounts are to be non-cumulative.

\$50.00 per year for Treasurer as needed.

\$100.00 per month for Building and Grounds

\$100.00 per month for Technical and Repeater

\$20.00 per month for beverages

\$25.00 per club meetings and events

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Eric (N1WCO) stated he is stepping down as Tech Talk coordinator. Some discussion followed regarding tech talks and will continue at a later date.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

Ed (KA1RSY) mentioned that RACES has been more active lately, possibly because of SEMARA's repeater.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Marc M. Dumont (KB1ODE) Secretary