



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) at 10:20 AM with five members of the Board present. Items discussed were as follows:

Parking lot snow removal There was discussion regarding the lack of snow removal during the recent snow storms. Dave (K1JGV), who was present at the meeting, stated that he had told Alan Costello last year not to plow the lot if the snowfall was less than 6 inches. It was concluded that the Treasurer and contact liaison, Mike (KB1NB) would include a reminder regarding the contractual obligation provide such services in a letter he normally sends regarding tax assessments for the tower. It was also noted that, as the liaison, Mike (KB1NB) should be the only person to speak on behalf of SEMARA.

Technical Committee Marcel (W1MLD) brought up that it would be a good idea to speak with the Technical Committee in order to get updates and projections for current projects and needs.

Tech Talk Committee The current vacancies on the Tech Talk Committee were discussed. Brad (W1BEB) had volunteered for the position but would like a co-chair to assist. Some discussion followed regarding potential candidates.

Security System Joe (N1IXC) had earlier spoken with Armand (W1BUG), who offered to prepare an estimate for materials to install an alarm system including fire alarm on the premises. Armand (W1BUG) will also install the system with some assistance from members. Information on this system should be available for review at the next business meeting. There was also some discussion regarding security cameras around the premises. It was noted that, along with recent thefts from the property, there has also been dumping of refuse as well. Two computers have also been donated from Dartmouth Police Department which may be used to replace defective SEMARA computers.

Handicapped Restroom/Building There was some discussion about MA regulations for rest rooms. Marcel (W1MLD) stated that he is in the process of applying for the variance. The attorney is working on attaining further details on the original complaint, in accordance with the vote from January's business meeting. There was also some minor discussion regarding the electrical issues discussed during the business meeting.

Computer equipment purchase Mike (KB1NB) stated that Staples has a HP computer on sale this week. He will purchase it soon as well as a printer, in accordance with the vote from January's business meeting.

Membership and Dues An email was received by Bob (K1KVV), who could not be present at the meeting, requesting discussion of removing "Life Membership" and/or instituting annual dues. This topic was discussed, concluding that changes would require constitutional amendments and would be very difficult to implement. It was decided not to pursue this any further at this time.

Wish list for 2011 Brief discussion was conducted regarding needs/wishes of the club for the following year. Some items brought up were straightening out the repeaters and restoring them to full operating potential, repair of the current antennas as needed, hosting a flea market this year as there is a considerable amount of surplus equipment on site and a get together or family function for members.

Audit It was decided to postpone the Treasurer's audit until the next Board of Director's meeting as the SEMARA computer was not functioning properly and the new computer would be fully in service.

Adjourn A motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Marc M. Dumont, (KB1ODE)

Secretary