

# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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# **Business Meeting Minutes February 3, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the President, Marcel (W1MLD), with salute to the flag. The roll was called with twenty one members and two guests 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 approximately \$1500.00 in property tax and \$1260.00 for duplexers this month. There is approximately \$33,780 in total assets 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) mentioned that the electrician will look at the breaker panel soon. He also took the opportunity to thank those members who participated in the cleanup day. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to reimburse Marty (KA1YFV) for lunch expenses during cleanup day in the amount of \$31.00.

#### **Technical**

Ben (N1WBV) stated that the video camera will be working before the end of the night and that two computers are now working and on line. Progress is being made with a list of repairs and updates to computer and radio equipment. There will be some expenses coming up in the future for miscellaneous equipment, likely addressed at the next meeting. Thanks to Dave (W1DJG) for donating some camera and environmental monitoring equipment to the club. Dave (W1DJG) spoke of repairs to be made on the antenna and rotor once the weather improves. Other discussions involved internet linking and repairs for the existing repeaters including recent work done by Rick (W1RJC), as well as planning for upcoming Technician licensing classes.

# **Scholarship**

Sonny (K1USW) reported that there were no applications yet but that has been normal in the past as the deadline is March 15, 2011.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

# ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Chris (W1EAV) thanked members who participated in the recent snowstorms on behalf of Rob (KD1CY), who could not be present at the meeting. Joe (N1IXC) reminded the members that the RACES drill will be this coming Monday at 7:30 PM, and that check ins are welcome.

#### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that there are 2 ½ pages of contests and non-contests on the ARRL website. Ben (N1WBV) mentioned that ARISS SAT will post a date for launch if anyone would be interested.

#### Renovations

Marcel (W1MLD) stated that he now has all the information needed to complete the variance application regarding the handicap accessible restroom and will soon be submitting it with the \$50.00 fee. The attorney is in the process of attempting to acquire a copy of the original letter of complaint and signature. It was also mentioned that the Town of Dartmouth has a new Director of Inspectional Services and he seems willing to work with the club.

### **RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Two applications for membership were received this month. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to vote on both applications together. Applications were received from John Bonnell (N1NXD) and Jeffrey Gaipo (no call). Both applications were moved, seconded and unanimously approved for membership.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

# **NEW BUSINESS**

There was some discussion regarding heating for the plumbing underneath the building and the need for better temperature regulation or system updating. Some members will research options for the future.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

Ben (N1WBV) mentioned that now would be a good time to start thinking about Field Day in June and that any suggestions would be welcome. There was also some talk about equipment needed including a small tent or shelter for shade.

# **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted Marc M. Dumont (KB1ODE), Secretary

**50/50 Raffle:** The 50/50 raffle was won by Marc (KB1ODE). \$43.00 total was split \$21.50/\$21.50.