



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes April 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 22 members and 0 guests present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the report as posted on the board and in Zero Beat.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) stated that assets currently on hand are \$35,898.38. Several bills were paid including first quarter federal taxes. McGurk Fence also sent a copy of a receipt (for NetCom) for completion of the fence at the tower. A motion was made, seconded and vote unanimously approved to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

No one was present from the Building and Grounds Committee, however Marcel (W1MLD) stated that one estimate had been received for work on the roof and others were expected.

#### Scholarship

Sonny (K1USW) stated that, to date only one application has been received. The committee will meet shortly to award the scholarship and the recipient should be at the May meeting. He also mentioned that, next year, he would notify Department Heads in the schools as opposed to only Guidance Counselors as not many students were aware of the scholarship. It was also mentioned that Melissa (KB1UDU) could give advice on how better to get the word out to students. Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that, next year we could look into advertising the scholarship on ARRL.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Rob (KD1CY) informed the membership that the P3 Hurricane Hunter aircraft would be on display at Otis AFB on Monday, May 2 and will be open to the public between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. There will be a special event station hosted by the Falmouth Amateur Radio Association with assistance from the Taunton Communications Group. There will also be a public service event using amateur radio to provide communications. Volunteers should speak with him. Guests are also welcome to attend. He also mentioned that the ARES net on the Fairhaven repeater and RACES on the SEMARA repeater are working well. Some changes are being made at MEMA and Michael Leger (N1YLQ) will be the new RACES officer. Rob is also available to give a SKYWARN class for SEMARA if there is interest.

Ed (KA1RSY) spoke about the South Coast HEAR network (South Coast Hospitals Emergency Amateur Radio Network). They participated in a drill hosted by Sturdy Hospital in Attleboro. The drill went well and revealed a few issues which were resolved. The system is still a “work in progress” and is progressing well. Volunteers are still needed to operate in some hospitals and can contact him by email.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) stated that this is a good month for contests and contacts can be made with several states. He also spoke of the Rookie Roundup and Lighthouse contests. Events will be posted on the website.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Marcel (W1MLD) informed the membership that he received communication from the Attorney regarding the handicap restroom. The only information available was emails to and from officials in Boston and the only signature was “L/M”. He will look more into that. Some discussion followed. It was decided that we would call for a final inspection as all requirements on the original permit have been fulfilled. The variance is in progress as there is a considerable amount of work involved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Questions were brought up regarding the state of the new 220 repeater. Rob (KD1CY) stated that he would contact Rick (W1RJC) for information. Marcel (W1MLD) also mentioned that Tony (NN1D) will be appointed to the Technical Committee and will be an asset. Also, the first Technician class taught by Tony was successful with 5 out of 6 students getting their licenses. Tony is planning another class tentatively to begin around May 1. Some discussion followed about the classes and potential advertising.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Joe (N1IXC) recommended per Armand (W1BUG) sending a congratulations to member Linda Enos (KA1QCO) on her appointment as Superintendent at GNB Voc Tech High school. It was also mentioned that Sonny Mello (W1ESG) was in the hospital. A card will be sent.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB**

Bob (K1KVV) reminded the members that volunteers are needed for Field Day as well as the 13 Colonies event on the first week of July. Marcel (W1MLD) mentioned an email request from the MMRA Boston "Project Breadwalk for Hunger" looking for volunteers. Information will be posted on the board for anyone interested. He also mentioned the need to dispose of the old copy machine. It was also noted that Dave (W1DJG) has donated two new HD radio converters which could be auctioned or raffled off. Some discussion followed. Bob (K1KVV) suggested the need for a person in charge of a tailgate event this coming September. Marcel (W1MLD) spoke briefly about computer use and passwords for the club's computers as some are having difficulty using them.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marc M. Dumont (KB1ODE), Secretary

50/50 Raffle: The winner was John (WA1LSH). \$65.00 was split \$32.50/\$32.50.