



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes July 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the Secretary's Report as posted on the bulletin board and Zero Beat.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that taxes paid out in June were approximately \$1600.00, \$5491.00 was received and a balance at the end of the month is \$31,800.00.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) mentioned that the front door would need maintenance soon. Estimates regarding maintenance of the grounds were in the area of \$60.00 per month and he appeals to the membership for assistance with grounds maintenance as well as addressing the shed and storage area.

#### Technical

Dave (W1DJG) stated that work is progressing (and some assistance is needed) on the log periodic antenna, with more to continue this coming month. IRLP is currently repaired and working. Digi gate is to be completed soon and the equipment authorized at the last meeting is in. He also mentioned that we should look into repair of the Drake radio.

Ben (N1WBV) stated that all equipment was in and will be installed after the meeting.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Joe (N1IXC) mentioned that all are welcome to check in for the RACES drill on Monday, but to wait until all cities and towns have checked in. There will also be a hurricane drill sometime in August.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) said that the 13 Colonies event went well, K2H made approximately 400 contacts. QSO rate at the start was approximately 50/hr. There were some issues with the computer but a fun time was had by all who participated.

### **Website**

Ben (N1WBV) stated that the website is up and running without problems.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Marcel (W1MLD) read an email from Jeffrey Gaipo (KB1VXF) informing the members of his new call sign. Bob (K1KVV) received a communication from a first year operator for the K2H station who did not provide QSO information during the event. This information will be forwarded as necessary.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Brad (W1BEP) received an estimate for a surveillance system requested from the last meeting. The estimate was approximately \$4500.00 for 4 cameras (expandable) with DVR and remote access.

There was also some discussion from the floor regarding password protecting the webcam.

Marcel (W1MLD) heard from NSTAR Electric regarding the light to be placed on the pole outside. The price quote was \$432.00 per year for a 400 watt, 50,000 cp sodium vapor light, installed and maintained by NSTAR. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase the light for \$432.00/yr.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ben (N1WBV) requested reimbursement in the amount of \$60.26 for miscellaneous equipment (headset, cable, etc) and food used during the Field Day event. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to reimburse Ben for the above amount.

Marcel (W1MLD) spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors regarding investigation of complaints brought to the Board against Robert Simcik (WX1DOG). A BOD meeting was held on June 11 to investigate the complaints; Mr. Simcik was requested to attend the meeting, which he did not. Marcel went into detail of the allegations and evidence presented during the meeting. Further information can be found in the minutes of that meeting. It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that Mr. Simcik (WX1DOG) be removed from membership in SEMARA, in accordance with procedures outlined in the Bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to remove Robert Simcik (WX1DOG) from SEMARA membership and issue a no trespassing notice for SEMARA property. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to postpone action on this issue until later in the meeting.

At this time, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allocate an amount not to exceed \$5000.00 for the purchase and installation of the surveillance system.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Board of Directors recommendations and remove Robert Simcik (WX1DOG) from membership in SEMARA. After some discussion it was voted and approved, unanimously. A motion was then made and seconded to serve Mr. Simcik with a no trespassing order for SEMARA property, as soon as possible. This motion was passed, with one opposed.

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

Ben (N1WBV) thanked all who assisted in the recent Field Day. Approximately 100 to 200 contacts were made. Special thanks to Larry (KB1TNF), Marty (K1AHA), Anthony (KB1UAM), John (WA1ESU), Bob (K1KVV) Rob (KD1CY), among others. Marcel (W1MLD) offered thanks to Ben for running a successful event. Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that there were not enough antennas and it would be a good idea to install more. Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that there was no interest in planning a tailgate party and it was getting close to the deadline to advertise the event. It was decided to cancel the event this year.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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