



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes August 4, 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 20 members and 0 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to dispense with reading the report and accept as posted on the board and in Zero Beat.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that expenses for the past month were approximately \$4600.00 (equipment) and \$1400.00 (taxes). Current balance on hand is \$30,959.00. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Technical

There was some discussion brought from the floor regarding removal of passwords on the computer. It was decided to continue discussion under New Business. Marcel (W1MLD) stated that he spoke with Dave (W1DJG) about the log periodic antenna. In the near future volunteers will get together to complete repairs and install the rotor so the antenna can be placed back on the tower. There was also some discussion on the floor regarding repair of the Drake radio. The estimate for repair is approximately \$200.00.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joe (N1IXC) reported that there will be a hurricane awareness drill on Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. It will simulate hurricane "Hannah" and is expected to last approximately 1 ½ hours.

Activities

Marcel (W1MLD) mentioned that Armand (W1BUG) had presented some pricing from a Mattapoissett caterer to host an event. After some discussion, it was decided that Joe (N1IXC) would call to get more information on menus and pricing.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) received a certificate of participation from the recent 13 Colonies event. Of the total 386 contacts, 105 were CW and the balance was SSB.

Repeater

Rick (W1RJC) reported that the underground cable running the 900 repeater network was damaged in last year's lightning strike and drops the link every few days. He purchased a new internet switch to split the other line to run both links. Also, he will soon separate the 220 repeater from the 900, once the new switch is installed. There has been some interest in linking the 220 repeater with others in the Cape. Tony (NN1D) will look at the 2 meter repeater to diagnose its reduced output soon. All other equipment was reported to be working well.

Website

Rick (W1RJC) Reported that the member login section has been removed and, overall, the website has been simplified and is working well. There was some discussion about the current webcam being password protected

OLD BUSINESS

Eric (N1WCO) volunteered to chair a Flea Market on Sunday, September 11, 2011. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept Eric's offer.

Marcel (W1MLD) stated that the light approved at the last meeting was installed on the utility pole across the street and is working well. He also reported that the camera security system approved in July is to be installed August 5, as specified.

Some discussion from the floor followed regarding cameras, alarms and other security measures. Also discussed was ARRL equipment insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made from the floor to require a committee to review and evaluate any motion for purchase exceeding \$500.00. This motion was seconded and discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

Andy (WA1FNM) brought up the fact that the last VE session was cancelled and normal monthly sessions were reduced to bi-monthly. Last month a candidate was turned away as he was not aware the VE session had been cancelled. Discussion followed and it was mentioned that the VE sessions were held at SEMARA, but not run by them. It was decided that SEMARA members would look into sponsoring our own VE sessions. It was also noted that Tony (NN1D) will be giving a Technician licensing class in October.

A motion was made from the floor to remove the password from one computer in the building so members can use, possibly using a firewall to restrict certain sites. This motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to sponsor a Flea Market on Sunday, September 11, 2011 and appoint Eric (N1WCO) Chairman.

A motion was made to purchase a controller for the 220 repeater for an amount not to exceed \$500.00. After some discussion this motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote.

A motion was then made to purchase, for the amount of \$100.00, an IRLP node for the 220 repeater. This motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Marcel (W1MLD). The split was \$17.00/\$17.00.