



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes September 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 21 members and 0 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that the total balance available is \$25,525.00 and expenses last month totaled \$11,076.00. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) reported that the front door needs work and should be addressed.

Technical

Ben (N1WBV) stated that passwords have been removed from club computers and he is open to suggestions to prevent or track inappropriate use. Regarding the repeater, he mentioned that, during the recent power outage, the batteries running the repeater lasted approximately 3 hours (much less than anticipated) and suggested the possibility of a 20-30 kw propane generator as a backup power source.

Marcel (W1MLD) said that when power was lost Police and Fire systems on the tower also went down. Tony (NN1D) brought a generator from the Police Dept. to run Police, Fire and SEMARA 2M systems until power was restored the next day.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joe (N1IXC) reported that the repeater worked well during the recent Hurricane Drill. There were some small issues relaying messages (MEMA) which they were working on.

Activities

Joe (N1IXC) reminded members of the Chicken Dinner and that tickets were still available for \$8.00.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that there were several activities available and posted in Zero Beat.

Repeater

Rick (W1RJC) reported that the controller and IRLP node approved at the last meeting were in and would be installed soon. The underground cable that had been damaged was to be replaced with a wireless link, which was also in and soon to be installed. The 220 repeater soon would be on IRLP then possibly would be connected to a new 220 area network. He also brought up that the backup battery for the repeater needs to be replaced. Another option discussed was the possibility of a partnership with Police and Fire for a generator. After considerable discussion it was decided to table further discussion until the next meeting.

Website

Rick (W1RJC) stated that the website was up and running well.

COMMUNICATIONS

Bob (K1KVV) reported that he received an application from Joseph Chretien (W1JJC) to renew his membership to "Life" member. It was unanimously voted to accept Joe (W1JJC) as a life member. As he sent a \$25.00 fee, he will be contacted to be refunded the \$5.00 overpayment.

OLD BUSINESS

John (WA1LSH) reported that he had contacted Jeff Covelli (WA8SAJ) for a repair estimate of the Drake Radio. The radio would be sent out and service would be charged at \$40.00 per hour, with the average cost being approximately \$200.00 plus shipping. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority vote not to repair the radio. A motion was then made, seconded and passed to sell the radio at the upcoming flea market, at the discretion of the Flea Market Chair, Eric (N1WCO).

NEW BUSINESS

Joe (N1IXC) requested reimbursement for the purchase of materials for the upcoming Chicken Dinner. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to reimburse Joe in the amount of \$55.00.

Armand (W1BUG) made a motion to form a Finance Committee, to be appointed by the President, charged with review any expense over \$100.00. After being seconded and following considerable discussion the motion was ultimately passed by a majority, with 6 opposed and 1 abstention.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

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

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was won by Marty (K1AHA) with a split of \$13.50/\$13.50.