



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes October 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 20 members and 1 guest present. A moment of silence was held for Joseph Hampson (W1JFI SK).

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report was not read as the secretary was delayed to the meeting. Copies were posted on the bulletin board and Zero Beat.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that the current balance is \$29,111.00 with monies still outstanding from Netcom.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

Dave, (K1JGV) brought up the subject of garbage removal from the building. After some discussion a motion was made to purchase bags so trash can be disposed of in town. The motion was seconded and passed, with one opposed.

#### Technical

Dave (W1DJG) has been doing work on the Log Periodic antenna, repairs are still in progress. There was also some discussion regarding the new camera system.

#### Scholarship

Joe (N1IXC) stated that they would begin sending information to the schools next month.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Joe (N1IXC) stated there would be a RACES drill on Monday and also there will be some changes made soon as there is a new RACES Director for the State.

### **Activities**

Marcel (W1MLD) stated proceeds from the recent Flea Market brought in \$400.00 for the Drake radio and \$200.00 from the door admission.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned several upcoming events. He also brought up the possibility of a special event to commemorate SEMARA's 80th anniversary and suggested some possibilities.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Bob (K1KVV) stated that condolence was sent to the family of Joe (W1JFI) through the funeral parlor.

## **RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

An application for membership was received from Kenneth Kavaljian (KB1KVL), who introduced himself at the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept Ken as a member.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was some brief discussion regarding the 220 system connecting to IRLP, the amplifier on the 2M repeater and the wireless link between the main building and the remote repeater shack.

Bob (K1KVV) stated that he had been in contact with Joe (W1JJC), admitted into membership at the last meeting. He was already a Life Member at the time. When contacted about refunding the \$25.00 fee he had submitted with his application, Joe donated the funds to the club.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Armand (W1BUG) brought several estimates (already passed through Finance Committee) and samples for flooring in the building. Estimates ranged from \$2675.00 to \$5280.00. After some discussion a vote was taken to choose commercial vinyl tile with ½ inch plywood over the existing subfloor. A motion was then made and seconded to appropriate \$4320.00 for Ed Riando complete work on the floor. The motion passed unanimously.

Armand (W1BUG) then brought in an estimate (also passed through Finance Committee) for the amount of \$290.00 for replacing the front door and surrounding trim and threshold. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$290.00 for Edward Roy to perform these repairs. The motion was voted and passed unanimously.

Marcel (W1MLD) requested permission from the members to allow Cypress Haven Trust to use the building on October 11 for a short meeting, as has happened in the past. Cypress Haven Trust generally gives a donation for this. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to allow Cypress Haven Trust use of the building.

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

Andy (WA1FNM) mentioned that a lot of old stuff is accumulating and asked that members to not leave unwanted items here. Marcel (W1MLD) thanked Andy for cleaning up the club and removing trash and other items.

Dave (W1DJG) mentioned that 10 meters is starting to open up and working well.

Marcel (W1MLD) asked for volunteers to form a Nominating Committee to find nominees for SEMARA Officers to the next meeting. After some discussion it was decided to have in-house nominations at the next meeting and follow with elections in December.

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that if there was to be a Christmas Party, the time to start planning should be soon. A vote was taken to estimate interest in such a party, with several showing interest. It was decided to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Dave (K1JGV) thanked Eric (N1WCO) for a good job running the recent Flea Market.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

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

50/50 Raffle: The 50/50 raffle was won by ?. The split was \$14.50/\$14.50.