



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes November 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 accept the Secretary's Report as posted on the bulletin board and in Zero Beat.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB), reported that major expenses for the past month were taxes and the new floor. There is currently a balance of \$25,786 in the accounts. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) stated that he had received a verbal estimate from his electrician for new breakers and electrical work on the heating system as well as heat tape to wrap pipes in the crawl space beneath the building. The quote was between \$250.00 and \$450.00. After some discussion it was decided to request further research on materials, labor and pricing, referral to the Finance Committee and return at the next meeting for consideration. A motion was made from the floor to purchase heat tape and a thermostat, and wrap the pipes ourselves. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Armand (W1BUG) volunteered to go purchase the materials. There was also some discussion regarding the front door which is to be replaced soon.

## **Technical**

Marcel (W1MLD) referred to an email received from Rick (W1RJC) who stated he would try to work on connecting radios to the internet this weekend. There was also some discussion regarding a past request to the Technical Committee for inventory of equipment. With several months having passed, The President, Marcel (W1MLD), asked for volunteers to conduct inventory. Armand (W1BUG) and Marcel (W1MLD) volunteered.

## **Scholarship**

Joe (N1IXC) stated that letters would soon be sent to schools.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Rob (KD1CY) spoke about recent changes to MEMA and RACES information as well as new net formats.

The next RACES net would be this coming Monday night on SEMARA, the ARES net following on SCMARG.

It was mentioned that, in the recent Technician class given by Tony (NN1D), 27 students took the class with 17 taking the test. All 17 passed their Technician test. The new licensees were all invited to become involved with clubs and radio.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned a few events in the near future, including an event to commemorate the final communication for the WBZ tower in Springfield, MA.

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Topics discussed during the meeting included Tech Committee, questions regarding equipment not working, local Fire and Police Departments pursuing grants to purchase a propane powered generator to run their repeaters, a new battery for the 147.00 repeater, access keys for buildings on the grounds, a possible radio event to commemorate SEMARA's 80th anniversary and increased participation from members.

There was some discussion about the first cleaning and sealing of the new flooring. Ultimately, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to hire a professional to clean, seal and wax the floor the first time. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase a runner carpet to be placed by the back door to protect the floor. Armand (W1BUG) volunteered to get the runner.

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

Thanks were given to Dick (K1AHA) for all his recent work on antennas, etc. at the Club. Eric (N1WCO) questioned if anyone was interested in starting the "Camel Net" again. Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that Genesis ARS was holding a General License Class at Jordan Hospital, with information on their website. Marcel (W1MLD) mentioned that there is a UPS as surplus equipment and anyone who wants it is welcome to it.

## **NOMINATIONS AND VOTING**

With election of SEMARA Officers next month, it was decided that anyone who wishes to run place their name on the board under their desired position over this coming month.

Nominations from the floor for officers during the meeting were as follows:

President: Marcel (W1MLD): accepted

Vice President: Bob (K1KVV): declined, Joe (N1IXC): accepted

Secretary: Marc (KB1ODE): accepted

Treasurer: Mike (KB1NB): accepted

Directors: Andy (WA1FNM): accepted, Eric (N1WCO): accepted, Brad (W1BEP): accepted, Dave (K1JGV): accepted

Trustees: Richard (K1AHA): accepted, Rob (KD1CY): accepted

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Joe K. (N1IXC). The split was \$13.50/\$13.50.