



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes December 1, 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 21 members and 0 guests present. A moment of silence was held for George Souza (N1MWB).

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to dispense reading the minutes and accept as posted on the board and Zero Beat.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) stated there were several large expenses over the past month, including property tax, floor and door repairs. The current balance on hand is \$22,174.00. Outstanding income from Netcom is \$16,535.00 to date. There was some discussion from the floor regarding this amount and what can be done about it. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

Dave (K1JGV) stated that the pipes under the building have been wrapped as approved at the last meeting. An estimate from his electrician to complete the balance of work on the heating system, to include replacement of circuit breakers and installation of rheostats would cost \$255.00. He further stated that he would pay the electrician from the monthly stipend allocated to the Building and Grounds Committee. The President, Marcel (W1MLD) and Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) stated that that is not how the stipends were intended to be used and further instructed that, according to the membership vote from November's meeting, the estimate was to go to the Finance Committee for further review and appropriate action to be taken at a later business meeting.

## **Technical**

Ben (N1WBV) mentioned that the Technical Committee needs volunteers to assist. Current projects include inventory, log periodic antenna repair and installation of the wireless internet link to the repeater shack. It was brought up that Marcel (W1MLD) and Armand (W1BUG) completed inventory of equipment within the building and would work on equipment in the out buildings. There was discussion about the fact that someone over the internet keeps moving the webcam far right, left or down. The camera control already requires a user name and password. Ben will look into disabling the movability of the camera, making it static instead.

## **Scholarship**

Joe (N1IXC) stated that information on the scholarship has been distributed to the schools and the committee is waiting for returns.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Eric (N1WCO) mentioned that there will be a RACES net this coming Monday. Chris (W1EAV) mentioned the ARES net on the Fairhaven site Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Ben (N1WBV) mentioned the SKYWARN appreciation net this weekend.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned the upcoming Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party coming up as well as the CW only New Year's Eve/Day straight key night (SKN).

### **Repeater**

Ben (N1WBV) spoke about the repeater. He advised that the committee was looking for help. There was some discussion regarding replacing the backup battery for the 2 meter repeater. It was agreed to get more information on the battery and look into getting a replacement. Marcel (W1MLD) also advised that he had been in contact with Tony (NN1D) regarding a generator for backup power to the repeater shack. Tony has applied for a grant through the Police Department for a propane powered generator, tank, transfer switch and miscellaneous hardware, including installation. The grant would come from Homeland Security as there are public service systems in the shack. It could, potentially, run that equipment as well as the 2 meter repeater

## **RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

There were three applications for membership presented during the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to act on all three applications at the same time. The three applications were received from Margaret Kannan (KB1WGT), Rakesh Kannan (KB1WGS) and David M. Singer (KB1WIX). A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept all into membership. Welcome!

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) commented that the floor was complete. After installation the floor was professionally cleaned, sealed and waxed. The front door and frame had been replaced, with thanks to Armand (W1BUG) for coordinating all the work. Marcel advised that inventory of equipment was well underway and that equipment insurance through ARRL was still a good idea

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was discussion regarding the backup battery for the repeater and its replacement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion about spare computers as well as old ones for disposal. Marcel (W1MLD) suggested the purchase of a small cabinet to store supplies. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase such a cabinet for a cost of less than \$100.00.

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

Topics discussed were cleaning of the new floors, new licensees from the recent Technician class given by Tony (NN1D), wish list for possible upgrade classes to General or Extra and the possible options with Netcom and the large amount of arrears owed to SEMARA.

## **NOMINATIONS AND VOTING**

Open nominations through the past month for 2012 Officers were formally closed with a motion being made, seconded and unanimously voted. Ballots were passed out. The votes were counted and the results as follows:

President: Marcel Dumont (W1MLD)

Vice President: Joseph Krisnosky (N1IXC)

Secretary: Marc Dumont (KB1ODE)

Treasurer: Michael McDonald (KB1NB)

Directors: Andrew Reuter (WA1FNM), Brad Paiva (W1BEP), Robert Walsh (WA1LSH)

Trustee: Richard Halliwell (K1AHA)

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Anthony Lessa (KB1UAM) and the split was \$22.50/\$22.50.