



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes March 1, 2012

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 18 members and 2 guests present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) stated that net totals in the accounts are \$33230.89 and that another bank check had been received by NETCOM. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to refer the report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

After brief discussion regarding building needs, Anthony Lessa, Jr. (KB1UAM) was appointed to the Building and Grounds Committee.

#### Technical

There was some discussion regarding needs of some equipment and the Log Periodic antenna. With repairs taking long on the antenna it was decided to appoint a temporary committee to complete repairs on the antenna.

#### Scholarship

Joe K (N1IXC) stated that one scholarship application has been received so far. The application is being reviewed.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Ed (KA1RSY) spoke of some changes to emergency communications within MEMA. Highlights include RACES being decommissioned and replaced with ACS (Auxiliary Communications Service). Discussion followed on some changes and use of the 147.000 repeater. It was also noted that the hospitals now have radios operating and there are more operators coming online. Further training on these subjects will be forthcoming.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KVV) spoke of the upcoming K2H 13 Colonies event for the week of July 4, the need to begin plans for Field Day and several other events listed in Zero Beat.

### **Repeater**

Marcel (W1MLD) mentioned that one "Bullet" antenna was installed in the building and the second for the repeater shack still needed to be completed.

## **RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Two membership applications had been received for this meeting. David Masten (KB1JUJ) and Robert Roderiques, Sr. (KB1JUQ) both submitted applications. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to act on both applications at the same time. A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept both applicants and Life Members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Marcel (W1MLD) stated that inventory was complete but they were waiting for the Tech Committee to get value of the equipment so we can purchase ARRL Equipment Insurance.

There was some discussion regarding needed plumbing repairs for the building.

A quote was received for the backup battery to the repeater system. The quote was \$105 for each of two batteries, \$20 for each of two core charges, and miscellaneous cables and connectors. Having been previously approved by the Finance Committee, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate \$250 plus tax for the purchase.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Scott (W1EV) asked for use of the grounds on Saturday, August 4, 2012 between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a family function. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allow use. He also offered his Icom 756 Pro radio for SEMARA to borrow, requesting to retain ownership should he need the radio at a later date. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept Scott's offer. Mike (KB1NB) requested further discussion as, in the past; equipment has been donated to SEMARA with the option of the past owner to buy back the equipment for the amount of \$1.00. The motion was then amended to accept Scott's donation of the Icom 756 Pro radio with the understanding that if he wants the radio back at any time, SEMARA must sell it back to him for \$1.00. A motion to amend was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

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

Thanks went out to Scott for the good job clearing snow from the property.

Marcel (W1MLD) stated that there was little interest in the Tech class to be given by Tony (NN1D). Only two applicants applied, so the February class was cancelled. Information on future classes will be forthcoming.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Brad (W1BEP) and the split was \$25.50/\$25.50.