



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes April 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) was not available, but sent the following figures via email.

March income: \$ 2,966.16
March expenses: \$ 948.63
Account balances: \$35,248.42

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) read a statement from Marty (KA1YFV) that all was okay but the Log Periodic antenna needs to be addressed.

Scholarship

Sonny (K1USW) reported that there was one applicant for the scholarship. The winner is Emma Klinkhamer (KB1WBB), a student at Dighton Rehoboth High School. She will be attending UMASS Amherst in the fall. The scholarship will be awarded at the May business meeting.

Technical

Marcel (W1MLD) reported that the second antenna has been installed in the repeater shack and was working well. Rick (W1RJC) was going to complete more work over the next few weeks. The 900 MHz system is now linked to the NEAR-900 network and the 220 system was operating as stand-alone but expected to be tied into a 220 network soon. The problem with the computer used to link the 147.000 repeater to the internet was bad but expected to be repaired or replaced with a spare soon.

The backup battery approved at the last meeting has been installed by Brad (W1BEP) and Marcel (W1MLD). Ben (N1WBV) resigned from the Tech Committee. Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that the time was incorrect in the ID for the repeater.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Ed (KA1RSY) spoke of some changes regarding MEMA and ACS/RACES. He also mentioned that the past drill (the first for local hospitals) went well, with more training planned for the future.

Fred (N1TF) mentioned the recent request from the FCC for comments regarding use of amateur radio communications during emergencies. There was also mention of SKYWARN classes, but none locally.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned several upcoming events such as the 13 Colonies (K2H) event, the Titanic 100th Anniversary (K1T) event, the New England QSO Party and a friendly competition between SEMARA and FARA as well as the Lighthouse event running until Sunday, April 8 at 19:59 hours.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Joe K (N1IXC) received a thank you note from Mrs. Ray Arruda for the condolence card sent to her.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jean Pierre Chiron (KB1WQO changed to AG1Y) submitted an application for membership. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept Jean Pierre Chiron as a life member.

OLD BUSINESS

Anthony Lessa (KB1UAM) mentioned the possibility of a tech talk with New Bedford EOC. Joe K (N1IXC) will contact them to set up a time.

There was some discussion regarding the Log Periodic antenna. Brad (W1BEP) will order the mounting bracket, then the rotor will be tested and the unit should be ready to mount.

NEW BUSINESS

There was some brief discussion regarding plumbing needs of the building.

The Bullet WLAN antenna was discussed. The current equipment being used is loaned from Tony (NN1D) and working very well. The cost to purchase equipment for permanent use including 2 antennas, 2 power supplies, and miscellaneous supplies would be \$220.00. The Finance Committee has approved this expense. There was a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase this equipment.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that he would like more stories for Zero Beat. Any pictures submitted should have a resolution of 300 dpi.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

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