



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes May 3, 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 27 members and 3 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report was read. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the report as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) gave the report. After money received and expenses paid, the current balance is \$37,854.40. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to refer the Treasurer's Report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

It was brought up that the riding lawn mower had significant mechanical problems and was also affected by a manufacturers recall. Some discussion followed resulting in a motion made and seconded to appropriate up to \$2000.00 for the purchase of a riding mower. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 23 members for and 4 members against. It was also mentioned that the sign on the front lawn was repaired.

Technical

Rick (W1RJC) mentioned that the new antennas for the wireless LAN were installed and working well. Parts are in for the 220 repeater which is expected to be connected to a new 220 network soon. The 147.00 repeater should be reconnected to IRLP soon.

Scholarship

This year's scholarship winner Emma Klinkhamer (KB1WBB) was present and read her essay. Upon finishing, she was awarded the \$500.00 scholarship.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Ed (KA1RSY) Discussed recent updates to RACES and MEMA protocols as well as speaking briefly about progress with the hospital radio systems. He also mentioned that there were SKYWARN classes and he hopes for there to be one locally.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned upcoming radio events including the New England QSO party.

Repeater

Rick (W1RJC) mentioned that he would be interested in sitting on the Technical Committee as there is a need for members. He would be willing to coordinate the antenna repair.

Website

Rick (W1RJC) stated that the website is fully functional but that he may change the layout and colors to make it easier to view.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Al Marote (WA1LBG), a past member submitted an application for life membership. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to install Al as a life member.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcel (W1MLD) mentioned that the antennas approved at the last meeting had been received, installed and are working well. He also mentioned that the plumbing issue was not done yet but was expected to be completed soon. There was also discussion about a new rotor possibly needed for an antenna outside. Rick (W1RJC) will look into the issue and submit information to the Finance Committee.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned that he had good responses to questions posed in Zero Beat. Rick (W1RJC) spoke briefly about a new Alinco radio. Chris (W1EAV) mentioned the marine radio automated radio check. Joe K (N1IXC) mentioned the upcoming event at the New Bedford Airport.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Eric Pierce (N1WCO). The split was \$32.00/\$32.00.