



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes July 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 approved to dispense with reading and accept as posted on the bulletin board and Zero Beat the Secretary's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported total expenses of \$218.03, income of \$2838.50 and a total of \$40,422.80 on account. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to refer the Treasurer's Report to audit. After some discussion regarding NETCOM arrears, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to send a letter to NETCOM requesting an appearance at the next Board of Directors meeting to address the outstanding balance and payment schedule.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Thanks go out to all who assist in keeping the grounds in good shape. Special thanks to Ray Arruda (KB1EVX) who donated a push lawnmower to the club and for assistance in grounds keeping.

Technical

There was some discussion regarding technical needs of the club such as repairing antennas as well as looking for volunteers for membership on the Technical Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Rob (KD1CY) spoke about local hospitals taking part in the net with newer operators as well as the possibility of a SKYWARN class given locally. Ed (KA1RSY) gave an update on MEMA and ARS communications.

Activities

Eric (N1WCO) volunteered to chair the Flea Market this September. Discussion followed. There was also discussion regarding SEMARA VE's and VEC's.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) mentioned events as listed in Zero Beat, including "Island on the Air" event scheduled for July 28.

Repeater

Marcel (W1MLD) read an email from Rick (W1RJC) regarding the repeaters. Prices for a new rotor were \$399.95 (Yaesu) and \$599.95 (Hi Gain). Further, progress was being made making patch cables to link the 220 repeater to the PC and tying the 147.000 repeater into autopatch. All is expected to be installed soon.

Web

It was reported that all was working well and up to date.

OLD BUSINESS

After some discussion regarding both beam antennas, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve expenditures to repair both antennas and get them operating. Marcel (W1MLD) also stated that plumbing repairs to the bathroom have been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding VE sessions at the club and the possibility of SEMARA sponsored sessions, as well as a possible Tech Talk about proper use of SEMARA equipment and operating protocol. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to change to a format where Tech Talks are held after the monthly Business Meetings when available.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

It was mentioned that help would be needed for the annual Tailgate Flea Market to be held on Sunday, September 9, 1012. It was also mentioned that if a member brings equipment to the club to be given away and that equipment is still there weeks later, the member should remove the equipment.

ADJOURN

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

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Rob (KD1CY) and the split was \$26/\$26.
Rob donated the winnings to SEMARA. Thanks Rob!