



# SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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## Business Meeting Minutes August 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, Marcel (W1MLD) with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 16 members and 0 guests present. A moment of silence was held for Larry Lopes (W1AQX), SK.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to dispense with reading the Secretary's Report and accept as posted on the board and in Zero Beat.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported total income of \$4,872.51, expense of \$1,683 for a total across all accounts of \$41,466.00. He also reported NETCOM has an outstanding balance of \$17,500.00 to date. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to refer the Treasurer's Report to audit.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds

Marty (KA1YFV) reported all was well with building and grounds. Help in maintenance duties is always appreciated.

#### Technical

There was some discussion regarding the Technical Committee. Anyone wishing to be appointed to the committee should see the President, Marcel (W1MLD).

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Rob (KD1CY) reported there will be a hospital net this Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m. (info to be sent out via email) and check-ins are welcome. RACES/ARES net will be this coming Monday. He also mentioned the Boxboro event the weekend of 8/25 where SKYWARN training will be available as well as SEC info.

### **Radio Events**

Bob (K1KV) mentioned several events as well as the Zero Beat article on beacons.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Topics discussed included the antenna rotor, use of the Icom radio donated by Scott Szala and the NETCOM situation. A motion was made and seconded to request the Board of Directors to look into the feasibility of instituting dues for membership. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A request via email from John (WA1ESO) was read requesting volunteers with 2 meter mobile radios and use of the 147.000 repeater on Saturday, September 22, 2012 for a Cystic Fibrosis charity event in Little Compton. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to allow use of the repeater at that time and volunteers are encouraged to participate.

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

There was some discussion regarding advertising SEMARA's 80th anniversary and the VE Session this coming weekend. SEMARA sponsoring our own VE Sessions was also discussed.

A motion was made and seconded to look into putting the beam antenna up or storing it before the Flea Market. After discussion this motion was rescinded.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase 500 feet of wire and materials for, and install a loop antenna. After some discussion this motion was rescinded in order to engineer, design and logistics for the system, present it to the Finance Committee and present the package to membership at the next meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob (K1KVV).  
The split was \$15.00/\$15.00.