



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes February 7, 2013

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 0 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to dispense with reading the Treasurer's report until the next business meeting, and refer the report to audit.

Later in the meeting, the Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported that 1 payment (arrears) had been received from NETCOM and 1 payment (current) had been received but was not able to clear the bank. A motion was then made, seconded and voted to refer this report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Nothing to report.

Technical

Rick (W1RJC) reported that the Technical Committee has no Chairperson, and then briefed members regarding upcoming projects.

Scholarship

Nothing to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joe (N1IXC) reported the upcoming ARES workshop will be held at SEMARA on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. with multiple speakers.

Repeater

Rick (W1RJC) updated members that systems are working well and advised of future upgrades to the repeater systems such as IRLP nodes and connectivity between systems.

Website

Rick (W1RJC) reported that the website was working well and spoke of future plans for web hosting and improvements to the site to make it more easily viewed.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

An application for membership was received from Lars Christian Ingerslev, (AB2SN). A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept AB2SN as a life member.

OLD BUSINESS

Fred (N1TF) reported that a new cook top unit similar to the current unit would cost approximately \$400.00. Marcel (W1MLD) reported he had found the cook top that was in storage, it was in like new condition and will look into, in the near future, compatibility with the old unit.

There was also some discussion regarding the CCTV system and problems with the company that supplied the units.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick (W1RJC) made a motion to purchase, with the approval of the Finance Committee given and at a cost of no more than \$275.00, three Raspberry Pi units to function as nodes for the repeater systems. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

There was some discussion regarding the status of a SEMARA VE team and exam schedules.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

Joe (N1IXC) mentioned, as brought up in the recent BOD meeting, the disposal of cigarettes outside the building and asked that those involved dispose more properly of their smoking materials.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Mike (KB1NB). The split was \$14.00/\$14.00.

