



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes February 6, 2014

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 17 members and 0 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary, Marc (KB1ODE) reported there was no January meeting due to a lack of quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported major expenses the past month as property tax (\$1,812.00) and electricity (\$180.00), total revenue as \$0.72 (interest earned) and two checks were received from NETCOM for this month. Total assets are \$61,843.00. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Joe (N1IXC) reported that it was necessary to replace a circuit breaker for the east side heating circuit, which stopped working. The repair has been completed.

Scholarship

Sonny (K1USW) reported that scholarship announcements had been sent out to 16 schools the past month. There has been no response yet. Applications are due by April 1, 2014.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joe (N1IXC) reported the drill last Monday had few check ins and encouraged anyone to participate during drills.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) reported several events as listed, including School Club Roundup and the North American QSO Party. Fred (N1TF) also mentioned State to State event posted on ARRL.org.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mike (KB1NB) read a letter from a local real estate agent advising that property abutting SEMARA property was available for purchase. No further action was taken.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

An application for membership was received from Joseph A. Tavares, a new General licensee (no current call). A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to admit Mr. Tavares as a life member.

OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding the potential purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator to be kept on the premises. It was advised that a short class would be required for certification to use the equipment and the cost for the unit could be approximately \$1,595.00. There was considerable interest from the members and we will look into more information regarding products and classes.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the poor condition of the parking lot as it had not been plowed after the recent snow storm. The President will look into why the lot was not plowed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

There was some discussion about the past month's successful Tech Talk on backup power sources as well as the subject of possibly advertising the availability of SEMARA's scholarship in the ARRL. There was also discussion regarding generating interest in SEMARA membership. After much discussion, Fred (N1TF) offered to devise a promotional offer to new licensees to include SEMARA membership, membership in the ARRL and a Baofeng 2m/70cm handheld transceiver and present it to a committee to be named shortly. A motion was then made to allocate monies to purchase 6 to 12 Baofeng radios, depending on the best price available. Further, after discussion with the Finance Committee and Treasurer, to purchase said radios. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The President, Marcel (W1MLD) also thanked the VE team for assisting with the testing on February 5, 2014 at the class given by Tony (NN1D). Brad (W1BEP) mentioned that his D-STAR repeater was coordinated with a frequency of 146.410 MHz and a minus split of 1.5 MHz.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Brad (W1BEP).
The split was \$16.60/\$16.50.



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Business Meeting Roster February 6, 2014

MEMBERS

	CALL	NAME		CALL	NAME
1	KBIODE	MARC M. DUMONT	26		
2	NITF	FRED BACON	27		
3	K1AHA	Richard J. Halliwell	28		
4	W1PLT	DON MARA	29		
5	K1AXQ	Brian Chasse	30		
6	AG1Y	SP CHIPON	31		
7	N1WCO	ERIC PENCE	32		
8	W1FNM	ANDY REUTER	33		
9	K1USW	Sophy Eddleston	34		
10	W1BOG	Armand Aguado	35		
11	W1VRP	Joe Frois	36		
12	N1TXC	Joseph KRISNOSKY	37		
13	K1JGU	DAVE DEAN	38		
14	W1MLD	MARCUS DUMONT	39		
15	K1NB3	Michael J. Mitchell	40		
16	K1PGS	Paul G. Sadech	41		
17	W1BEP	Brian Polva	42		
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GUESTS

	CALL	NAME		CALL	NAME
1			6		
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