



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes March 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 25 members and 2 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the report as posted and dispense with the reading.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported a total balance on hand of \$66,950.00 with revenue of \$5,980.00 (2 NETCOM payments) and expenses of \$820.00 (electric and telephone being the largest). The total NETCOM balance owed is \$15,500.00 (includes taxes of \$5261). Purchase of the building addition will reduce this amount by \$8,000.00. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to refer this report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Technical

Rick (W1RJC) reported that a computer has been repaired and CAT5 cables have been made for the computer at the radio desk.

Scholarship

Joe (N1IXC) reported that no applications for scholarship have been received yet.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Joe (N1IXC) reported there were many check-ins during the past ARES net.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) reported several events as posted in Zero Beat and the ARRL. Specifically mentioned was Kids Day on June 21st from 14:00 to 20:00 EST.

Repeater

Rick (W1RJC) noted future upgrades to the APRS station, to include being run on Raspberry Pi, to be brought up later in the meeting.

Web

Rick (W1RJC) reported that all was well with the website and that he is looking to upgrade the platform in the future.

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Four applications for membership were received. After introductions it was decided to vote on all applicants at once. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the following applicants as life members:

Irene Harrop (KC1BGC)
Matthew D. White (N1MUK)
Ralph Joseph (KC1BEW)
Robert Joseph (KC1BEV)

OLD BUSINESS

Marcel (W1MLD) updated the members on the proposal, written by Fred (N1TF) and passed by the Finance Committee, for new licensees and membership. The proposal would include ARRL Licensing and testing fee (\$15.00) SEMARA Life Membership (\$20.00) and ARRL membership (\$39.00) totaling \$74.00. Those completing the requirements will receive a Baofeng UVB5 radio as a gift. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept this as policy. The radios have been procured and are in stock.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick (W1RJC) reported on upgrades for the APRS system, as well as future needs of the repeater rack. At this time he requests 2-19 inch rack mounts for Raspberry Pi units, 1-SD card for the unit, 1-Raspberry Pi unit and 1-TNC device to connect the Raspberry Pi. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase indicated equipment, with miscellaneous connecting cables and hardware with an amount not to exceed \$160.00.

The topic of updating SEMARA membership lists was also discussed, as significant work has been done.

Joe (KC1BCF) mentioned he is donating a homemade model of a radio wave to the club.

A request was made from the Bristol County Repeater Association to use the 147.000 repeater on Sundays at noon for a time. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved for this use.

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) updated members on the past BOD meeting as follows:

- An architect will soon be brought in to formulate plans for the new building addition.
- The Board voted to update the No Smoking policy to include e cigarettes.
- There was some discussion about snow plowing, and the condition of the parking area after a difficult winter.
- There was discussion about the stovetop and condition of the countertop it is installed in. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase a new countertop to accommodate the smaller opening of the new cooktop, and have it all installed.
- There was discussion regarding the keyless entry system, resulting in a motion being made, seconded and unanimously approved to look into a self-enclosed keyless entry system.

Volunteers were requested to chair Field Day committee. Brad (W1BEP) and Paul (W1PGS) volunteered and were appointed.

Rob (KD1CY) volunteered to give a SKYWARN class at the SEMARA facility. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to hold the class Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 10:00.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Donald Mara (WA1PLT).
The split was \$18.50/\$18.50.



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MEMBERS

	CALL	NAME
1	KBICDE	MARC M. DUMONT
2	NLTF	FRED BACON
3	WA1PLT	DON MARA
4	K1AHA	DICK HALLIWELL
5	KC1AXQ	Brian Chasse
6	K1PGE	Paul G Sadeed
7	W1BEV	BRAD PAIVA
8	W1BOG	ARNAUD AUGUSTINE
9	N1WCO	ERIC PLEARD
10	K01YZ	DAVID DE COSTA
11	K1SGV	DAVE DEAN
12	N1HCW	BOB METHIB
13	N1MUR	MATTHEW WHITE
14	N1PME	DON MARLEY
15	W1VRP	JOE FROIS
16	K1BGF	JOE TAVARES
17	K1XRN	RICH ORLUK
18	K1UAM	Anthony Lessa Jr.
19	K1YEV	Marty Jordan
20	K1KVV	Bob Kelly
21	N1YX	Joseph Kinnigh
22	W1MLD	Michael Thompson
23	K1INB	Michael J. McDonald
24	W1RJC	Richard J. Cabral
25	KD1CY	Rob Mucedo

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GUESTS

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1	KC1BEW	Calph Joseph
2	KC1BEV	Bob Joseph
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