



SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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Business Meeting Minutes April 3, 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 35 members and 0 guests present. A moment of silence was held for Joseph Roderick (N1BZZ-SK), Boston Firefighter Michael Kennedy, Boston Fire Lt. Edward Walsh and Plymouth Police Officer Gregg Maloney.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously votes to dispense reading the report and accept as posted on the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike (KB1NB) reported income of \$228.00, expenses of \$610.00, with total balance in accounts as \$65,874.00. The total NETCOM balance stands at \$18,486, minus two checks received the balance becomes approximately \$12,500. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

No report.

Technical

Chris (W1EAV) reported that repeaters are working and the Newline report is working at 21:00 on Sundays. Tony (NN1D) spoke briefly about the changing landscape of local repeaters

Scholarship

Sonny (K1USW) reported that a scholarship winner has been chosen. A Dartmouth High School student has been chosen. The award will be given at the next (May) business meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

Ed (KA1RSY) reported that all was quiet with ARES and RACES, and reminded members of the upcoming SKYWARN class on May 10, as well as the RACES net on the first Monday of the month.

Radio Events

Bob (K1KVV) advised that the 6m net (50.200 MHz) is FM (not SSB), spoke of Kids Day (3rd Sunday in June) and Field Day (last weekend in June). Other events mentioned as posted in Zero Beat.

Web

It was reported that some changes are coming soon to the website in terms of formatting and ease of use.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from NSTAR looking for interest in running a gas line in the area. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved for the treasurer to contact NSTAR to get more information and costs without committing to the project.

OLD BUSINESS

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) reported on the progress of the keyless entry system requested last month. One system from All Security using a FOB and which logs transactions costs approx. \$1,600.00. Other systems are available for less cost and are being researched. There was also some discussion about generators and backup power.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric (N1WCO) donated a discone scanner antenna and 100 feet of RG 11 coax to the club.

Brad (W1BEP) reported that he will set up for Field Day at the High Hill Fox and Coon Club on Collins Corner Road in Dartmouth on June 28 and 29, and that there will be a MARS Tech Talk scheduled in the future.

A letter was read to the membership from Dave DeCosta (KD1YZ) resigning his position from the Board of Directors. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept Dave's resignation.

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

The President, Marcel (W1MLD) read procedures from the bylaws regarding replacement of a member of the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the bylaws, members will be notified by publishing online (Zero Beat) and a group email to be sent informing members of the BOD vacancy. At this time, nominations for the vacant BOD position were opened. Nominations were as follows: Brad Paiva (W1BEP) accepted then withdrawn, Marty Jordan (KA1YFV) accepted, Dick Halliwell (K1AHA) declined. A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously voted to close nominations until the next business meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dan Costa (W1DBC)
The split was \$32.50/\$32.50.

